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# THE MADISON COURIER

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## Board OKs \$63K for design work on proposed childcare center

Study to establish costs, need as board ponders next steps

**BY BOB DEMAREE**  
The board of trustees signed a letter of agreement on Wednesday with Schmidt Associates for the design and cost estimates for an early childcare center for Madison Consolidated Schools as they ponder whether to move forward with a facility. The \$63,000 cost of the design work will come from a \$750,000

Employer-Sponsored Child Care Grant that was awarded to Madison Consolidated Schools earlier this year. “It’s just the work to inform our decision-making on next steps. It’s a preliminary design,” said MCS Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown. “It will be big picture and not terribly detailed” to provide the board with enough information to determine whether to move forward with the childcare center. Brown is hopeful the design and cost estimates will be completed by the end of January so

board members will have time to review it in February and help with their decision on any future steps that could potentially come in the spring. “We need to know the range of cost so we would know the most that it can be to get the proper amount of financing,” Brown said. With the school corporation’s debt service on track to decline, Brown said the childcare center can be achieved without increasing taxes. “This is completely tax neutral. We have debt coming off

in 2025” with the rest gradually coming off through 2031. “We have to issue loans in order to stay tax neutral, which is important because otherwise we lose that amount to make any sort of improvements. We are well-suited to take on a large project because it’s time within our financial planning to do that. This will not raise taxes and keeps taxes in control because debt is coming off” and loans are being paid off. Brown noted, “It’s just an opportunity that happens to line up with a need” for high quality childcare in Jefferson Coun-

ty. “Taxpayers think it’s going to cost them more, but it’s not going to cost them any more than they already pay. The timing just works. The debt is coming off at the same time and we have the ability to take it on” without impacting taxpayers. The plan would utilize the site of the former E.O. Muncie Elementary School that was last used as an alternative school for high school students until they were moved to the second floor of Madison Consolidated High School in the fall of 2022.

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## COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR



Indiana Chamber Photo

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney (at podium) addresses the Indiana Chamber of Commerce members at their 35th annual awards program on Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, he and members of the Madison delegation received the state’s Community of the Year Award for 2024. “It is with great pride and gratitude that we accept the honor of being named the 2024 NextEra Energy Resources Community of the Year by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. This recognition belongs to everyone who has contributed to the growth and success of Madison, and it reflects the strength, unity, and resilience of our community. We are joining other great Hoosier communities such as Carmel, Bloomington, Fishers, Noblesville, and Columbus as recipients of this honor,” Courtney said. “At the heart of this achievement is the excellent team in place to lead the city, many of whom are here tonight. Thank you to them, as well as, the value of partnerships and collaborations. It is through the combined efforts of local businesses, civic organizations, government agencies, and individual citizens that we have been able to make such significant progress over the years and especially in the last four years as we have been implementing our Destination Madison plan. Together, we have fostered an environment where innovation, entrepreneurship, and community spirit thrive ...”

## CHARLIE’S BEAT

### Smokin’ Jokers call Madison their musical home

Madison has a wealth of local bands and music venues just about every night of the week. But there are also a handful of out-of-town bands who play here so often and so consistently they start to feel like one of the family. North Vernon’s Tracy Thompson felt that way when he was playing at Mad Paddle all the time back in the day. And Jordan Wilson was one of our favorite visiting talents, until he actually moved here permanently about a year ago. The Smokin’ Jokers out of Columbus, Indiana,



CHARLIE ROHLFING  
CHARLIE’S BEAT

also fit the description. The Smokin’ Jokers trio has been showing up on our music calendar for a few years now, usually at The Central, Rivertown Grill, the Legion and most recently, at Tailgators. Their version of straight ahead hard-edged rock and roll is a solid crowd favorite, and has earned them a steady flow of bookings here in Indiana’s Music City. “I like to say we play everything from AC/DC to ZZ Top,” declares Darrell Strahl, the bass player in the band. “But you’ll hear some variety too. We do Ring

of Fire by Johnny Cash, Tulsa Time, which is a kind of Texas Swing style, and we’ve even been rehearsing Careless Whisper by George Michael. But whatever song we tackle, you can count on it being done in what we call ‘The Smokin’ Style.’ We put our stamp on it. We will pretty much try our luck at any and all requests, too.” Also in the band are Bryan Autry on guitar and Kevin Sage on drums. All three share singing duties. The name of the band, according to Bryan, “came from a friend of mine who would always say ‘Hey, I’m gonna step outside and smoke a Joker!’ Anyone

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## Hanover FD’s rescue boat seeks to fill void

**BY BOB DEMAREE**  
Although there was previously a rescue boat void in Jefferson County, the recent purchase of a former Kentucky Department of Natural Resources watercraft by Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department could answer some of that need and the City of Madison seems to be moving toward acquiring its own rescue watercraft. “Yes, we are moving forward with a rescue watercraft that our police and fire departments (consider) appropriate for our community response,” Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said Tuesday evening, adding that the issue will soon come before the city’s Board of Public Works and Safety. Courtney had stated previously the city had earmarked \$100,000 of its \$2.5 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds toward acquiring a safety boat, but that money must be allocated by Dec. 31. Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency Director Matt True has approached the County Council in recent months that with the Ohio River at the county’s border there’s a strong need for a safety boat, proposing a DGS Pro boat with a price tag of \$279,000. At the October meeting of County Council, there seemed to be some agreement from County Council members about about the need for a boat but a hesitation about the projected cost so no action was taken. At Tuesday’s meeting, the Council did approve \$15,000 in funds toward supplies and safety gear for the Hanover boat. Council member Pam Crozier emphasized that those funds “are not for a boat but for boat supplies.” Cory Thomas, a member of Hanover fire department and Hanover Township Trustee, said the boat is a 20-foot, deep fiberglass console with an outboard motor that the department purchased in September. “There were a lot of things that fell in place almost perfectly for us to have this opportunity,” Thomas said. “We have felt for a long, long time that we needed some way to provide protection to those on the river. In the past we have actually used my personal boat to put out a house boat fire. This summer our chief had received several calls referring to the river, and unfortunately we were not able to provide the needed assistance. We now have that capability. We found a retired Kentucky DNR boat at the right price and couldn’t pass up the chance to bring another level of service to those in need.” Thomas noted that, “Just our coverage area alone spans over 12 miles of shoreline. There are some of our members that spend most of our summers on the river, and we have seen a huge increase in boating activity. We wanted to be proactive.” Thomas said the fire department’s budget is tight “but we have been judicious with spending and were able to save some back as we have planned for this project. Thankfully, this boat fell within our budget.”

Previously the closest rescue boat to Jefferson County was in Clark and Switzerland counties in Indiana and Trimble County in Kentucky. Thomas said Hanover firefighters feel strongly that “we go where we are called ... We want to do the most good for whoever calls.” Commissioner David Bramer said the Commissioners have been trying to set up a meeting with Hanover fire department “to see the boat and discuss how everyone can collaborate on its use. Our plan would be to utilize this boat for events on the Ohio River and everyday situations.”

# County trash cards go on sale next week

**BY BOB DEMAREE**  
Jefferson County trash cards for 2025 are currently on sale for county residents at the Courthouse and will be on sale next week — Nov. 18-22 — at the regular trash collection sites.

County Auditor Heather Huff said the schedule for selling 2025 trash cards is Chelsea/Saluda Township, Monday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Deputy, Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Dupont, Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Rykers Ridge, Thursday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Canaan, Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and Brooksbury, Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Trash cards

cost \$50 in either exact cash or a check made out to Jefferson County Treasurer.

The cost of trash cards has been \$50 since 2019, but Huff said “there’s a good chance that next year (2026) that will increase a small amount.”

Council President Heather Foy noted that for a year’s worth of collection the \$50 cost is “still a deal for trash removal.”

Trash cards are also available at the Courthouse in the County Auditor and County Treasurer offices during Courthouse hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# Clifty Falls among state parks with temporary closures for deer hunts

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**  
Clifty Falls State Park is among Indiana state park properties that will close temporarily on four different days for controlled deer management hunts in the coming weeks.

Each hunt runs two days with the first hunt on Monday, Nov. 18 and Tuesday, Nov. 19 and the second hunt on Monday, Dec. 2, and Tuesday, Dec. 3. The participating state park properties will close to the general public on the evening prior to the hunts.

Other participating state park properties are: Brown County, Chain O’Lakes, Charlestown,

Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Lincoln, McCormick’s Creek, O’Bannon Woods, Ouabache, Pokagon, Pota-to Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, Turkey Run, Versailles and Whitewater Memorial state parks; Raccoon and Trine state recreation areas; and Cave River Valley Natural Area, which is managed by Spring Mill State Park.

These state park properties will re-open the morning after each two-day hunt. All other Indiana state park properties will be open and operate under normal hours.

Indiana DNR biologists eval-

uate which state park properties require a deer management hunt each year based on habitat recovery and previous harvest rates at each park. The state parks are home to numerous natural communities that serve as significant habitat. The deer management hunts help control browsing by deer to a level that allows for sufficient habitat for native plants and other native animals.

Only individual licensed hunters who are selected from a draw may participate at any site. The application deadline is usually in mid-August of the year in which the hunts are to take place.

NEWS OF RECORD

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings**

**November 11, 2024**  
Tony Ray Jester, 49, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation and on a Jefferson County writ of body attachment. Bond a combined \$6,010.

James Derron Emery, 57, for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, a Level 5 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine and Residential Entry, both Level 6 felonies; and on an out of state hold warrant by Louisville Metro Corrections. No bond.

**November 12, 2024**  
Jessie Lee Broadus, 31, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$2,505.

Aron Ray Hall, 47, for Battery Against a Public Safety Official, a Level 5 felony; Resisting Law Enforcement, Possession of Methamphetamine and Maintaining a Common

Nuisance, all Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

Patrick James Pennywitt, 38, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond \$5,005.

Robert L. Renecker, 42, on a Jefferson County bench warrant, on two warrants for probation violation and on a 15-day hold. Bond a combined \$26,000 cash.

Darin R. Shelley, 59, for Resisting Law Enforcement, Obstruction of Justice and Possession of Methamphetamine, all Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

**November 13, 2024**  
Rank Carter, 40, to serve 322 days, consecutive, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

Elijah Erik Eadens, 33, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$5,000 cash.

**November 14, 2024**  
Steve J. Burchett, 62, Deputy, Indiana, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Arrest, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings**

**November 12, 2024**  
Robert Van Thornhill, 39, Hanover, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended but 5 actual days, with credit for 2 days jail served, and placed on supervised probation for 360 days, consecutive to probation in Scott County, Indiana, plus \$589.50 and loss of driver's license for 90 days.

Billie Jo Miller, 47, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Ryan Douglas Ward, 41, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 72 days served with 658 days jail suspended to supervised probation plus \$989 in fees and court costs.

Garrett Briar Schlichtkrull, 30, Hanover, to an amended

charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 132 days served plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and loss of license for 90 days.

Destiny Hossler, 39, Madison, to an amended charge of False Identity Statement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 90 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 86 days served plus \$289.

Aburto Sanchez Gabriel, 38, Carrollton, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 court costs.

**November 13, 2024**  
Clayton Christopher Grauel, 33, Madison, to an amended charge of Intimidation, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to Indiana Department of Correction for 314 days, fully executed, for 314 days jail served with sentence to run consecutive to 766 days supervised probation for Operating a Vehicle with an Ace of .15, plus \$385.50 in fees and court costs.

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**WORKSHOP**  
**Cancer Survivors’ Dinner**  
**Clifty Falls State Park**  
1650 Clifty Hollow Road, Madison  
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m.

All cancer survivors are invited to an evening of celebration and fellowship. Each survivor may bring one guest at no charge. All survivors are welcome, regardless of where they received cancer treatments. Current cancer patients are also welcome. Reservations are required by Nov. 20 by contacting Stacy Bayne at 812- 801-0541 or baynes@kdhmadison.org to make a reservation. Funding is provided by John Kasper and the Norton Healthcare Foundation.

**FUNDRAISER**  
**Clearinghouse 10th Anniversary**  
Hen and Ben Event Center  
928 Park Avenue, Madison  
Monday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

River Valley Resources will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Clearinghouse at its inaugural Taste of Madison fundraising event. Tickets are \$75 a person, and available online at [rivervalleyresources.com](http://rivervalleyresources.com) or in person at the Clearinghouse by check.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**North Madison United Methodist Church**  
2235 Allen Street, Madison  
Monday, Dec. 9, Noon to 6 p.m.

Pre-register for the blood drive at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**SENIOR EVENTS**  
**Hanover Senior Citizens Center**  
**Exercising:** The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

**Lunch:** The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.

Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

**Madison Senior Citizens Center**  
**Senior Meals:** Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6.

Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.

**Game Days:** The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.

The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m.

The games are free and open to senior citizens.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor’s Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to [zelda@madisoncourier.com](mailto:zelda@madisoncourier.com) or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

NOVEMBER 16

Marilyn Allen

NOVEMBER 17

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Debbie Perry

NOVEMBER 19

March Meierle

NOVEMBER 20

Marc Rucker

NOVEMBER 21

David Taylor

NOVEMBER 23

Suzanna Wheeler

Elliot Tompkin

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:23 a.m.

Sunset: 5:29 p.m.

Temperature: High 56, Low 48, Mean 52.0, Excess 2.9

Precipitation since last published: 1.06

Precipitation, November 2024: 3.55

Precipitation, 2024: 38.30

Barometer: 29.68, Falling

River Level at Clifty Creek: 422.02, Rising

Forecast: Saturday: Partly cloudy High 59/Low 42; Sunday: Mostly cloudy High 64/Low 50; Monday: Cloudy High 64/Low 55; Tuesday: Showers High 70/Low 50.

ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER 18

Kevin & Denise Brierly

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 9-15-28-33-36-44 (11/13). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$29.2 million. Next Drawing (11/16).

Cash Five: 5-10-11-19-25 (11/13)

Cash 4 Life: 12-16-22-32-48 CB: 4 (11/13)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: CB 7-8-13-34 CB 1 (11/13)

Lucky For Life: 18-24-27-43-45 LB: 8 (11/13)

MEGAMILLIONS: 18-31-33-64-68 MB: 17, MP 3 (11/12). Next Jackpot: \$387 million. Next Drawing (11/15)

POWERBALL: 9-20-26-43-58 PB: 9, PP 2 (11/13). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$130 million. Next Drawing (11/16)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 14-41-45-55-59 PB: 13 (11/13). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (11/16)

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The Women’s Giving Circle, a program of the Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County, is a community of philanthropic women of all ages and backgrounds who combine their financial generosity to make a positive change for women and children throughout Jefferson County, Indiana.

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# County allocates more ARP funds as deadline approaches

BY BOB DEMAREE

Facing an end-of-the year deadline to allocate American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding, money was allocated to several projects at Tuesday's Jefferson County Council meeting.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or American Rescue Plan, is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the country's recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and recession.

In 2021, Jefferson County received \$6.2 million in ARP funding and about \$1 million of that was left to spend prior to the meeting. The Council allocated \$186,710 of that on Tuesday with County Auditor Heather Huff not-

ing that the remainder should be allocated at the Tuesday, Dec. 10, meeting of County Council.

Although the funds don't have to be spent until the end of 2026, any dollars not obligated by the Dec. 31 deadline must be returned to the U.S. Treasury.

Huff said when she went to the Indiana Auditors' Association Conference in October, "they were very clear that at year's end whatever is left in that fund, there has to be a contract to obligate that money. Any time that we do gift out money, then we would have to have them sign an agreement or contract stating that they are going to use it for the intent that was outlined."

Projects approved Tuesday include \$60,000 for an architect's design for a new Jefferson County Animal Shelter building, \$59,710 for a new van to transport inmates for the Jefferson Coun-

ty Sheriff's Department, \$20,000 for a key fob system for employee entry at the Jefferson County Courthouse, \$20,000 for the Jefferson County Veterans Council, \$15,000 for supplies and gear for a safety boat and \$12,000 for festivals in the county.

Council member Ray Black Jr. asked about the \$60,000 that was set to establish a design for a new animal shelter, thinking that amount seemed high. Huff said there were multiple bids for the architectural contract received Monday that are currently going through the scoring process. She said if the cost of the design results in a bid lower than the amount allocated, then only the lower amount will be obligated.

Foy explained the \$20,000 for the veterans council is to provide a fund for short-term housing in an effort to support veterans in need.

Huff explained the \$20,000 for

the key fob system will be for employee entrance to the Courthouse.

The \$15,000 for equipment and gear for a safety boat will help outfit Hanover Fire Department's new safety boat. The expenditure was estimated at \$20,000, but the Council decreased that by \$5,000 because the actual cost received was closer to \$15,000. Council member Pam Crozier emphasized that the money is for the supplies only and not a safety boat. "People will think we are paying for the boat, but no it's going to supplies," she said.

The \$12,000 for festivals is for the Chelsea Jubilee, Neavill's Grove Old Settlers Meeting and Canaan Fall Festival. "Some of those took a hit with the loss of funds raised for county festivals" during the COVID-19 pandemic, Foy said.

In other business, the Council:

- Approved \$5,548 for a contract with Axon Enterprise Inc. for the County Prosecutor's Office to have digital licensing access to the County Sheriff's Department's body cam video.
- Noted the Council officially adopted the 2025 budget on Oct. 31 that totals \$29,075,061 with the county general fund at \$12,185,643. The budget includes a tax rate of 0.7206.
- Approved the County Council meeting schedule for 2025 that continues meetings on the second Tuesday of each month except for July when it will meet on the third Tuesday due to delays related to fair week. Also, in November, the meeting will be on the third Tuesday since Veterans Day will be on the second Tuesday. The Council also voted to change meeting times from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## Veterans Service Office needs more space

BY BOB DEMAREE

A request was made for more space for the Jefferson County Veterans Service Office at Thursday's meeting of the County Commissioners.

The office is located in the Courthouse Annex at 315 Jefferson Street, but service officer Faith Weir said the current space does not adequately provide for the confidentiality of clients.

Weir said that since the PACT Act was signed into law by President Joe Biden on Aug. 10, 2022, that the office has been averaging more than 200 veterans in the office monthly. The PACT Act is characterized as perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in Veterans Administration history.

Last year, Anita Sproesig was hired as the full-time assistant county service officer, and is now fully accredited and meeting with her own clients. "With that being said, our office is totally out of compliance with regulations because she should have her own separate office to be able to close the door to meet with veterans" since they are often dealing with confidential personal information "that should be private," Weir said.

"We're here to talk

about that," she said, not sure how it must be done, whether the veterans service office should move to a different space that allows for two offices or if there's an office that can be used within the Courthouse Annex.

Ron Higgins, Southeast Indiana District Service Officer, said he supports and trains county veteran service officers, and explained the role involves dealing with confidential claims that can include financial hardship documentation "that's really uncomfortable to talk about in an open bay area when there's other customers around."

He explained there are instances where a Vietnam veteran has died, and the spouse "went from \$5,000 a month to zero dollars a month and she's balling her eyes out, and she's on full-on crisis mode. You feel it's inappropriate to have that happening in an over bay area."

Higgins said Scott County, Brown County and Jackson County each have their own standalone buildings that provide a waiting area with adequate office space and easier building accessibility. "With 200 people a month that's going to be 25 people a day," he said.

"We want to make sure we are in compliance with (IDVA) Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs and federal regulations when it comes to meeting with clients," said Weir.

Higgins commended the Jefferson County Veterans Service Office as "growing and growing, and having a better reputation with more and more people coming. It's inevitable that we would eventually ask for a bigger, more user friendly area."

Weir said there will be discussions next year about hiring a third person for an administrative role in the office "to take some of burden off of us with the phone calls, setting up appointments, helping to scan in medical documentation and things of that nature."

Weir said that in addition to veterans from Jefferson County and surrounding counties, there have been more veterans moving into the area.

Commissioner David Bramer said the Commissioners will consider options available then report back what might work best.

"We are absolutely blessed and humbled to be able to do this job to take care of the veterans with the community," said Weir.

## Canaan Veterans Day Ceremony



Canaan Academy Photo

Middle school students at Canaan Academy march in to place holiday wreaths on the graves of veterans during the school's Veterans Day ceremony.



Canaan Academy Photo

Middle school students at Canaan Academy prepare to lay holiday wreaths on the graves of veterans during the school's Veterans Day ceremony.

## RECORD

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Kermit W. Cox, 62, Scottsburg, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 270 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 14 days jail served and 256 days suspended to supervised probation consecutive to 270 days probation on prior theft conviction, plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

Rank Carter, 40, Madison, to an amended charge of Unlawful Possession of Syringe, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 66 days jail served plus \$389 in fees and court costs,

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Jefferson County  
November 11, 2024

Kevin L. Courtney to Walter Harden and Brandolyn Harden, 2120 Lanier Drive, Madison (\$180,000).

Phillips Development Inc. to Michael C. Nolan and Sondra M. Nolan, 135 West Greene Court, Hanover.

Sydney Whitham and Susan Whitham (estate) to Jesse Whitham, 2628 East Geyman Hill Road, Madison.

Joyce L. Parker and Herbert Lee Parker (estate) to Joyce L. Parker, The Herb Parker Family Revocable Trust and Herb Parker Revocable Trust, 215, 235, 255, 275 and 360 North Willow Drive, Madison.

Molly Toomey and Starla N. Rowlett-Toomey (estate) to Jason D. Kloepper, 121 Elmhurst Drive, Madison.

Dawn M. Houze, Robert N. Owen and Nancy Rene Owen (tenants) to Marilyn R. Owen, 2110 Galway Trail North, Madison.

Betty J. Bartlett, Jefferson County Auditor Heather Huff and Auditor of Jefferson County Heather Huff to Sabre Investments LLC, 837 North 900 West, Commiskey (\$26,000).

2K21 LLC to Teresa Barrett, 14723 West Henry Road, Deputy (\$76,000).

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Rebecca Jackson to Rebecca S. Jackson (trustee) and Rebecca S. Jackson Living Trust, 411 Baltimore Street, Madison.

Hiram L. Richardson to Mary Jane Wolfa, 10579 North West Front Street, Dupont.

Christian Watts, Christian Nicole Gentry and Danny Lee Kellams to Danny Lee Kellams,

167 West Kuntz Road, Madison.

Daniel J. Holzinger and Lesa R. Holzinger to Stephanie Goble, 2155 Duffy Avenue, Madison.

Lucy Roberts to Li Gang Dong, 2498 Franks Drive, Madison.

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Dana Lemon and Take 2 Property LLC to Foster Mefford and Jackson Stockdale, 821 Walnut Street, Madison.

Valen and Lyman Family Trust, Betsy M. Lyman and Robert C. Hicks to Valen and Lyman Family Trust, Betsy M. Lyman and Robert C. Hicks, 1046 Michigan Road and 1000+ Michigan Road, Madison (\$198,811.40).

David Gray and Deborah L. Gray to Bobby Cook, 421 Cedarwood Drive, Madison.

Rodney D. Estes, Sheriff of Jefferson County Ben Flint and Jefferson County Sheriff Ben

Flint to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 231 Hendricks Street, Madison.

Kathy Brown Persinger, Kathy J. Persinger, Richard Persinger and Richard D. Persinger to Richard D. Persinger, 1705 Crozier Avenue, Madison.

Richard D. Persinger to Mallory Litter (transferee death) and Trent Persinger (transferee death), 1705 Crozier Avenue, Madison.



### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW IF YOU WANT OR HAVE OBAMACARE

1. Always update your income to insure you have the correct rate.
2. The open enrollment is from November 1st to December 15th for a January 1st effective date.
3. December 16th through January 15th is still part of open enrollment with later effective date.

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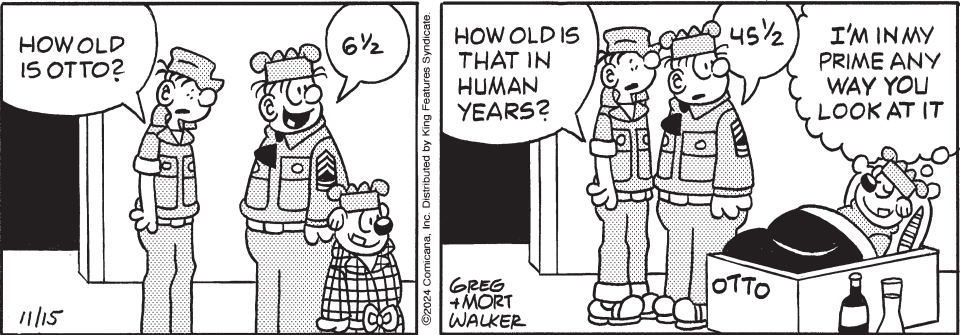
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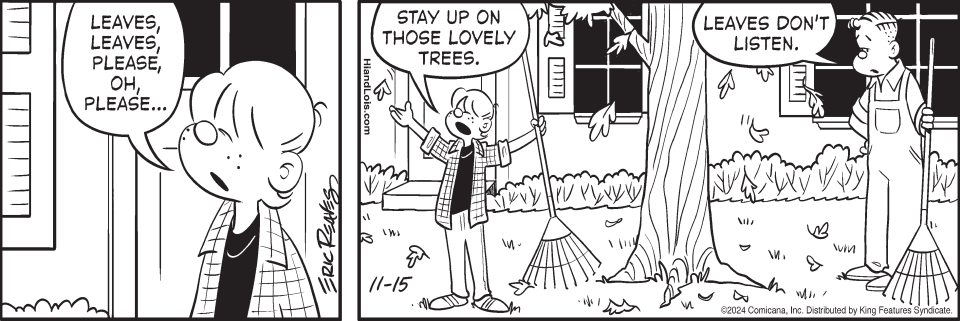
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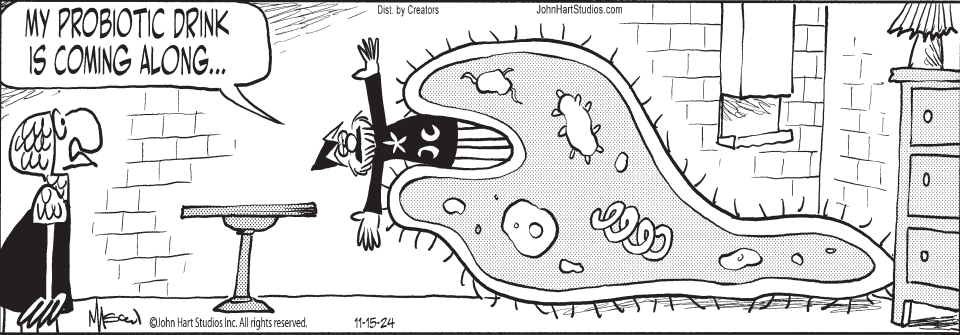
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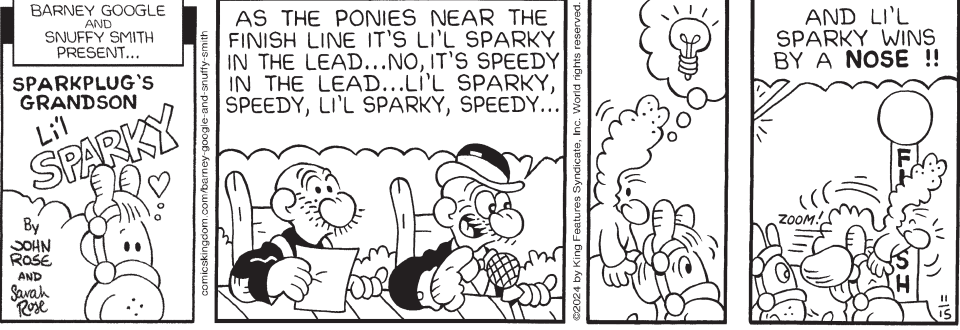
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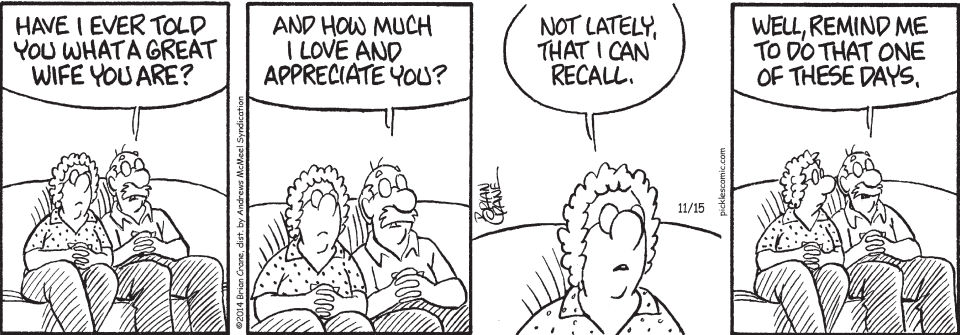
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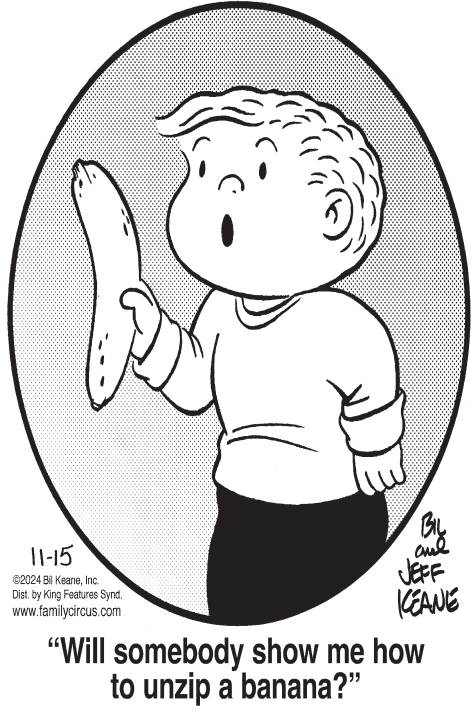


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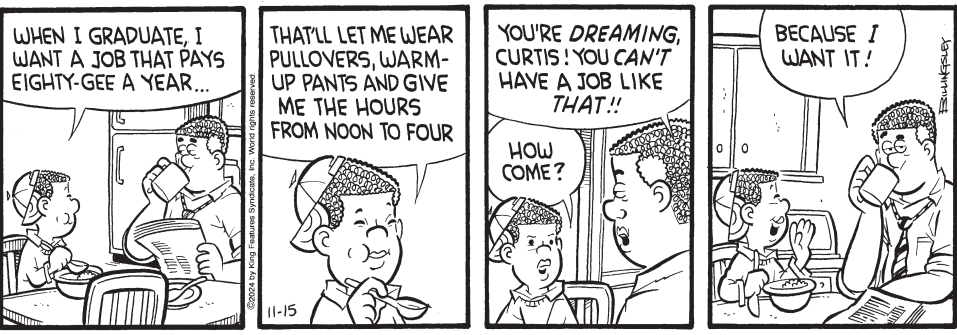
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Nov. 15, the 320th day of 2024. There are 46 days left in the year.

**Today in history:**

On Nov. 15, 1864, late in the U.S. Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman began their "March to the Sea" from Atlanta; the campaign ended with the capture of Savannah, Georgia on Dec. 21.

**Also on this date:**

**In 1777**, the Second Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation.

**In 1806**, explorer Zebulon Pike sighted the mountaintop now known as Pikes Peak in present-day Colorado.

**In 1939**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

**In 1959**, four members of the Clutter family of Holcomb, Kansas, were found murdered in their home. (Richard Hickock and Perry Smith were later convicted of the killings and hanged in a case made famous by the Truman Capote book "In Cold Blood.")

**In 1966**, the flight of Gemini 12, the final mission of the Gemini program, ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic after spending four days in orbit.

**In 1969**, a quarter of a million protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War.

**In 2012**, the Justice Department announced that BP had agreed to plead guilty to a raft of charges in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill and pay a record \$4.5 billion, including nearly \$1.3 billion in criminal fines.

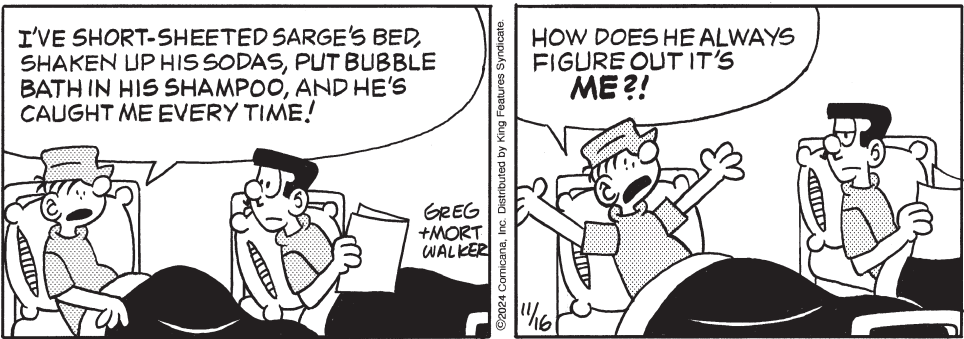
**In 2019**, Roger Stone, a longtime friend and ally of President Donald Trump, was convicted of all seven counts in a federal indictment accusing him of lying to Congress, tampering with a witness and obstructing the House investigation of whether Trump coordinated with Russia during the 2016 campaign. The president commuted Stone's 40-month sentence days before he was to report to prison.

**In 2022**, the world population reached 8 billion, based on United Nations projections.

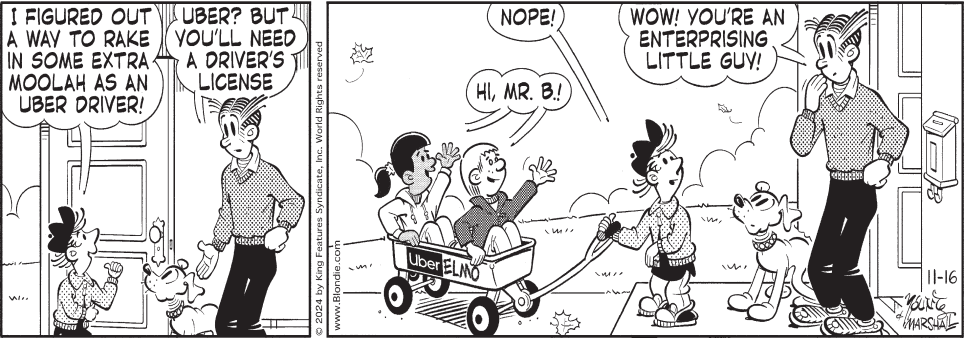
**Today's Birthdays:**

Singer Petula Clark is 92. Actor Sam Waterston is 84. Classical conductor Daniel Barenboim is 82. Pop singer Anni-Frid "Frida" Lyngstad (ABBA) is 79. Fashion designer Jimmy Choo is 76. Actor Beverly D'Angelo is 73. News correspondent John Roberts is 68. Former "Tonight Show" bandleader Kevin Eubanks is 67. Actor Jonny Lee Miller is 52. Actor Sean Murray is 47. Golf Hall of Famer Lorena Ochoa is 43. Actor Shailene Woodley is 33. NBA All-Star Karl-Anthony Towns is 29.

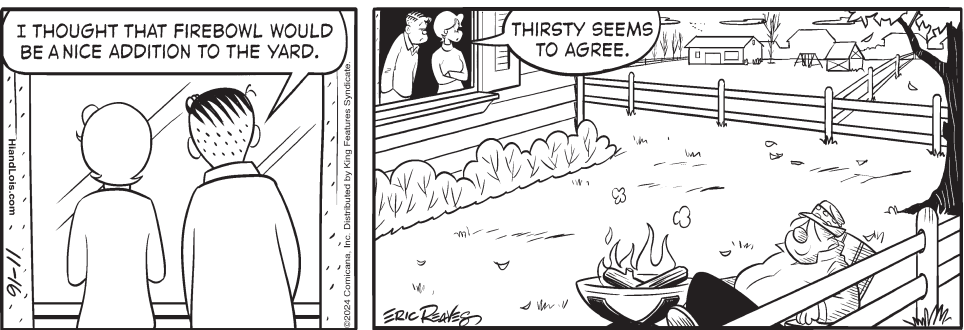
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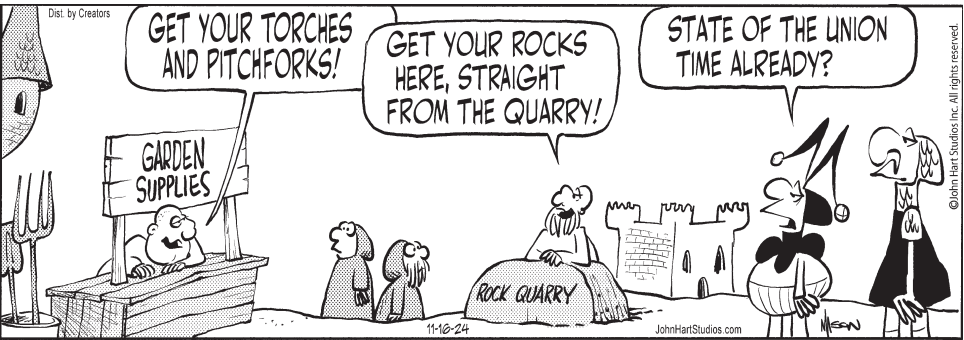
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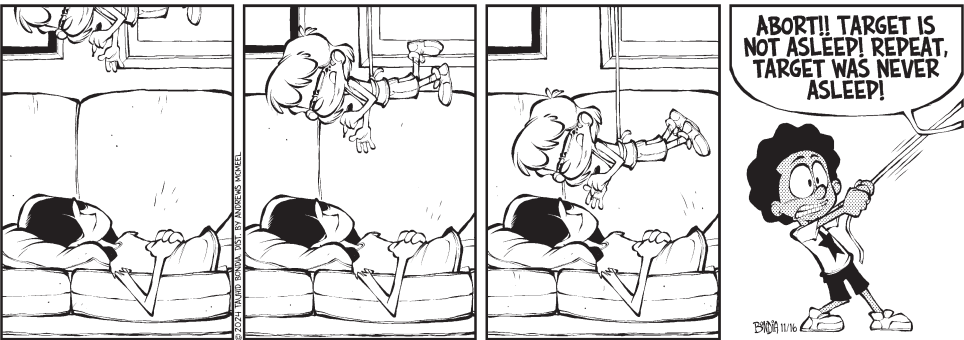
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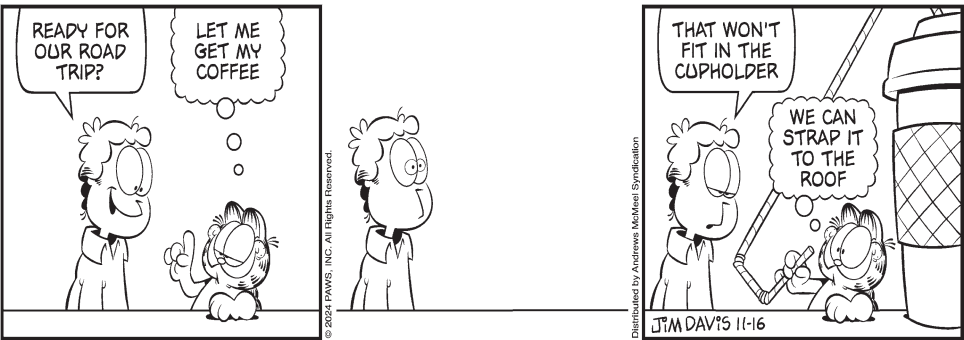
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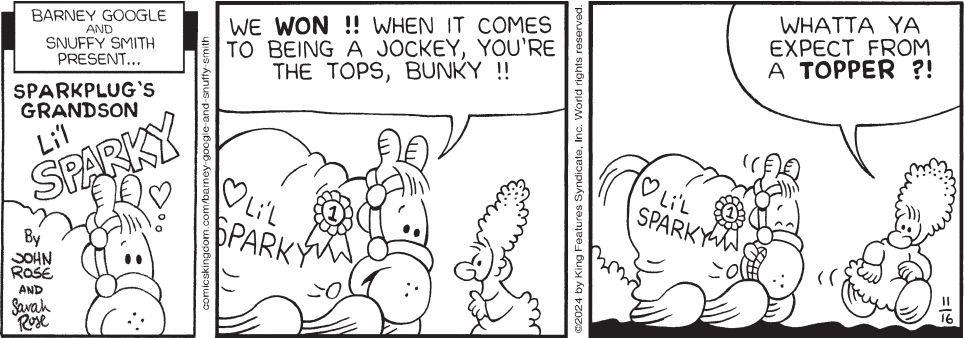
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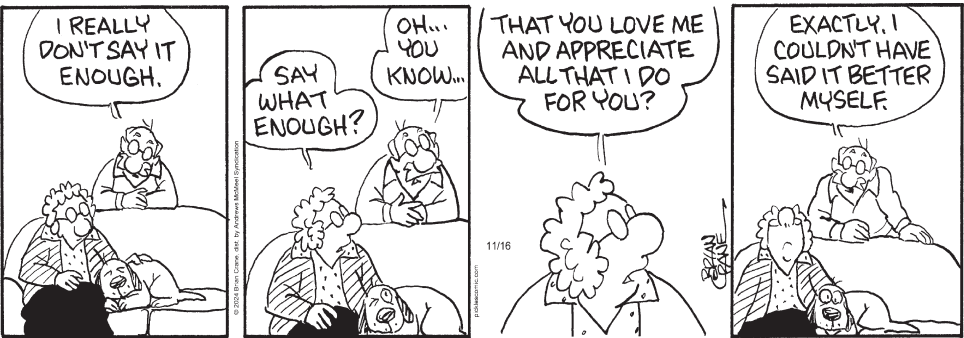
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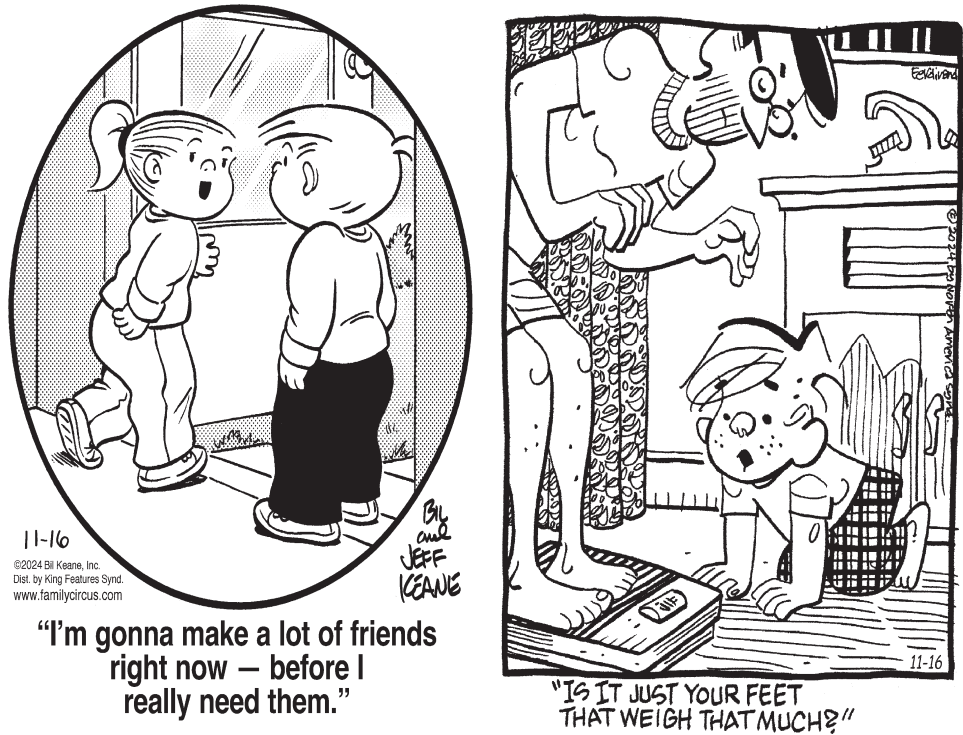


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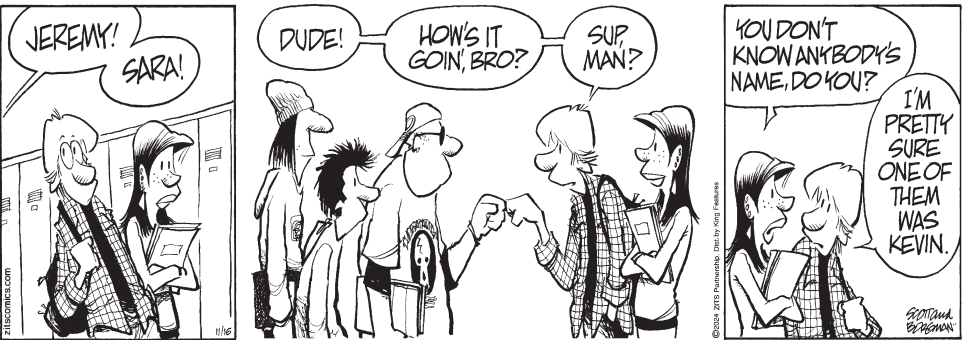
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Nov. 16, the 321st day of 2024. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Nov. 16, 1973, President Richard Nixon signed the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act into law, authorizing the construction of an 800-mile oil pipeline from the Alaska North Slope to the port city of Valdez.

Also on this date:

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1914, the newly created Federal Reserve Banks opened in 12 cities.

In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

In 1988, Benazir Bhutto was voted prime minister of Pakistan, the first woman to be elected to lead a Muslim-majority country.

In 1989, six Jesuit priests, a housekeeper and her daughter were slain by army troops at the University of Central America José Simeón Cañas in El Salvador.

In 2001, investigators found a letter addressed to Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont containing anthrax; it was the second letter bearing the deadly germ known to have been sent to Capitol Hill.

In 2001, the first film in the Harry Potter series, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" (U.S. title: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone") debuted in theaters around the world.

In 2006, after midterm elections that saw Democrats take control of the U.S. House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi was nominated by the Democratic caucus to become speaker of the

House. (Pelosi would officially become speaker by House vote the following January, becoming the first woman to serve in the role.)

In 2018, a U.S. official said intelligence officials had concluded that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman had ordered the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Miguel Sandoval is 73. Video game designer Shigeru Miyamoto is 72. NASCAR Hall of Famer Terry Labonte is 68. Actor Marg Helgenberger is 66. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Dwight Gooden is 60. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 60. Actor Lisa Bonet is 57. Actor Martha Plimpton is 54. Olympic figure skating gold medalist Oksana Baiul is 47. Actor Maggie Gyllenhaal is 47. Actor-comedian Pete Davidson is 31.

OBITUARIES

R. Donald Copeland

R. Donald Copeland, age 87 of Canaan, entered this life July 25, 1937, on the family farm in Jefferson County, IN. The loving son of Howard Lee and Lola Arline Buchanan, Donald never strayed far from his roots nor the family legacy of farming which spanned six generations in the area now known as Copeland Ridge. Donald's ancestors settled the area in 1819, just three years after Indiana statehood. At 10 years of age, his grandfather Willis Copeland gave him four rows of tobacco to tend and three years later gifted this young 6th generation farmer his first piece of equipment, an International C tractor, to cultivate more rows of the burley leaf. That passion for farming escalated with each birthday and in a few short years, Donald became a working partner with his father in the fields and cattle business. In time, agriculture became both Donald's livelihood and lifestyle. A life-long resident of Shelby Township, Donald attended Canaan Elementary for Grades 1-8 before transitioning to Central High School on Ryker's Ridge. A graduate of the Class of 1956, Donald played varsity basketball for the Central Wildcats, in both guard and forward positions, plus played on the baseball team. Three years later, Donald was inducted into the United States Army with his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. He was later transferred to the Army Reserves where he served 10 years before being honorably discharged. On Oct. 14, 1960, Donald married his life-long sweetheart Carolyn Lee Banta at Indian-Kentuck Baptist Church, where both families worshipped and their fathers farmed just down the road in opposite directions. For Donald, the marriage just meant moving his personal belongings down the lane of the family farm to his and Carolyn's new house flanking a Copeland cornfield. A son, Gary Wayne, later blessed this union of 64 years. And that godsend, along with Gary's wife and two children, multiplied over and over in loving dividends with every subsequent year. Early in life, Donald worked several years for the Indiana State Highway Department and later Madison State Hospital, but the love of farming always brought him back to his farm on Copeland Ridge, where he grew corn, alfalfa, tobacco, and Angus cattle. For years, the best, savory steaks at a Madison restaurant hailed from the Copeland farm. For Donald, "farm life truly was the good life." And in addition to his family, the good life certainly entailed the friendly fellowship



and compassion of his neighbors and the Canaan community, which Donald always praised along with heartwarming examples. In Sept. 2010, the community celebrated Donald and Carolyn's community contribution and leadership by naming the couple the Honorary Mayors of the Canaan Fall Festival. At that time, the duo had never missed a festival in its 45-year history. For pastime, Donald loved community events that brought friends and neighbors together, fish fries at the Canaan Fire House, Gary's and the grandchildren's participation in Jefferson County 4-H Fair endeavors, church hymn sings, country music nights at the Scottsburg Jamboree, Bengal football, 4-wheeler rides over his farm, and always the Cincinnati Reds. In healthier times, he, Carolyn and friends enjoyed visiting the Great American Ballpark in person to see the Reds in action. Besides farming and outside employment in other fields, Donald also shared his leadership skills and knowledge with community agencies. He served on the Canaan Water Board for 37 years with 17 of those as president, the Canaan Cemetery Board and the Federal Land Bank Board, plus belonged to the Canaan Masonic Lodge No. 581 F. & A.M. where he held numerous roles, including the Master position. In 2006, the Soil and Water Conservation District named Donald the Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year. For Donald, every day was a good day to be on the farm even when droughts, storms and diseases created physical havoc and sometimes loss of revenue. For this caretaker of God's soil, a red sunrise the next morning promised hope, and restoration from yesterday's plight. Tomorrow meant a new day, time for corrective action, time for Donald to gather up his tools, fire up the machines and tackle the task ahead. Faithful to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Donald was a devoted member of his home church for 85 years and served as a deacon there for 53 years, 1970-2023, as well as a long-time Sunday school teacher and youth leader. Donald most recently attended Milton Baptist Church in Milton, KY. Like the furrows on his

farm, Donald's life ran deep, straight and true. He was a beloved husband, father, brother-in-law, uncle, neighbor, and friend. His legacy of hard work, kindness, faith, love for country, gentlemanly ways, Christian values, and commitment to family will continue to nourish the hearts of his family, and impact positive direction. Donald died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024 at 11:40 p.m. at home with his loving family at his side. God indeed created a caretaker, a devoted farmer who truly treasured his calling, for those acres of paradise on Copeland Ridge that Donald called home. The Copeland family will close the farm gate to keep the cattle in, but never the Gate of Remembrance of R. Donald Copeland, their pillar, mentor, inspiration, and joy in life. Donald will be missed by his loving wife of 64 years, Carolyn Lee Banta Copeland of Madison, IN; his loving son, Gary Wayne Copeland and his wife, Trina of Madison, IN; his loving grandson, Britt Anthony Copeland; his loving granddaughter, Brienne Corrina Copeland Vigar and her husband, Tyler; his sister -in-law, Donna and Gary Prather of Doe Valley, KY, Carolyn Ann Banta of Columbia City, IN; his cousin who helped care for him, Donna Copeland Hart of Charlestown, IN; his nephews, and his niece, Matt and his wife, Marcy Prather, George Alan Banta and his wife, Colleen; his great nephew and great niece, Ben Banta and his wife, Katie, Justine Caywood and her husband, Ben; several other cousins and relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Lee Copeland; his mother, Lola Arline Buchanan Copeland; his brother, David Lewis Copeland; his sister, June L. Copeland; his brother-in-law, George Robert Banta. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Keith Abrams at the Milton Baptist Church, 10076 Hwy 421 in Milton, KY. Interment followed in the Canaan Cemetery in Canaan, IN. Friends could visit Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, from 9 — 11 a.m. at the Milton Baptist Church in Milton, KY. A final salute with military honors were provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Memorial contributions can be made to the Milton Baptist Church or the Canaan Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

Benjamin ‘Benny’ Lee Copeland

Benjamin “Benny” Lee Copeland, age 84, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Aug. 25, 1940, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late Paul Woodrow and Grace Marie Horton Copeland. He was raised in Jefferson County and graduated in 1958, from North Madison High School. He attended Hanover College for one year in hopes of being a math teacher. On June 3, 1960, he was united in marriage to Connie Eileen McMahan in Milton, KY. This happy union of 55 years was blessed with sons, Morton Lee and Jay Nelson and daughters, Rebekah Eileen and Dawn Marie. He worked early in life for 20 years as an inspector for Conn Organ. He farmed all of his life raising, tobacco, corn, soybeans, hay, cows, pigs, and sheep. He loved farming, watching IU basketball, hunting squirrel, and quail. He loved the animals and enjoyed feeding them. He was a member of the Westfork Baptist Church where he was baptized at the age of nine. In his later years he enjoyed watching Charles Stanley and online services of the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, KY. His favorite pastime was spending time with his family. Benny died on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, at 3:47 p.m. at the Norton



Hospital in Louisville, KY. Benny will be missed by his loving sons, Morton Lee Copeland and his wife Cathy of Milton, KY, Jay Nelson Copeland of Madison, IN; his loving daughters, Rebekah Eileen Brooks and her husband Roger of Bennington, IN, Dawn Marie McInerney of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, LaChelle (Nathan), Aaron (Gabrielle), JaLynn (Austin), EmaLee (Keefer), Jason (Andrea), Joshua (Brittnay), Jennifer (Corey), Amanda, Ashley (Ryan), Jeremiah (Haley), Jameson, and Jordan; his great grandchildren, Kensley, Camila, Benjamin, Elijah, Callie, Jenna, Jayden, Brayden, Chelsea (Trae), Calvin (Chasity), Coleton, Clay, Rebekah (Stephen), Noah, Raelynn, Luke, Josie, Caden, Isabelle, Thomas Call “T.C.”, Gracie Hope, and CharLee; his great great grandchildren, Seth Michael, Kolt Samuel, Casen, MadiLynn, Maci, and Graeleigh;

his sister: Elizabeth Ann Southerland and her husband, Henry of Madison, IN; his best friend, eating and farming buddy, Dave Meisberger; his two nieces, and two nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Woodrow Copeland; his mother, Grace Marie Horton Copeland; his wife of 55 years, Connie Eileen McMahan Copeland, died March 25, 2016; his brothers, Harold Phillip Copeland and Donald Woodrow Copeland; his niece, Lora Ann Southerland; his great grandson, John Asher Barnes. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Chris Kendall at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Hebron Cemetery near Madison, IN. Friends may visit Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to Infant Loss or Hebron Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

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DEATH NOTICES

**Robert Pixley “Bob” Barnes, 77**, of Charlestown, IN, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, at Hillcrest Village in Jeffersonville, IN. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com). **Donald J. Bultman, 82**, of Greensburg, IN, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at IU Health in Indianapolis. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 18, at Stratton-Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles, IN, with burial in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison, IN, [www](http://www).

[skfuneralhome.com](http://skfuneralhome.com). **Alexandra “Alex” Eglseder Hake, 62**, of Florence, IN, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2024. There will be no funeral service, but a private gathering will be held to celebrate her life. Arrangements by Haskell and Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, [www.haskellandmorrison.com](http://www.haskellandmorrison.com). **Derrick L. Lewis, 45**, of Madison, IN, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, in Madison. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com). **Josh Quire, 32**, of Carrollton, KY, died

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, at his home. Cremation will be chosen after services at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, at Prewitt Funeral Home in New Castle, KY, [www.prewitts.com](http://www.prewitts.com). **Olive Elizabeth Seaver Weaver, 103**, of Switzerland County, IN, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at her residence. Funeral service will be at noon on Monday, Nov. 18, at the Aberdeen Community Church in Rising Sun, IN, with interment in the Rising Sun New Cemetery in Rising Sun. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, [www.haskellandmorrison.com](http://www.haskellandmorrison.com).



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**OBITUARIES**

**George F. Kessler**



George F. Kessler, age 91, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Sept. 12, 1933, in Greensburg, IN. George was the loving son of the late Ernest and Martha (Fansler) Kessler. He was united in marriage to Minnie Mae Britt in Mount Olive, NC, on June 8, 1957. George grew up helping in the family bakery. George served his country proudly from 1953 to 1957, in the US Marine Corps during the Korean War. After his time in the service, he worked several jobs before retiring from the Jefferson Proving Grounds. He was a former Fire Chief of the Canaan Fire Department and currently a 51-year Mason. George enjoyed listening to classic country music and reading a good book. In his free time, he liked going hunting, fishing, and doing some target practice. George enjoyed the farm life. Most of all, he enjoyed his family time. George was always ready to ride around with his daughter Jennifer or have a conversation with his daughter Jody. He loved visits from the grand daughters and eating in Minnie’s kitchen. George was very knowledgeable and left a wealth of information to his kids. He loved life

and did many interesting things in his life and left a lifetime of memories to his family. George died on Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at 4:55 a.m. at his home in Madison, IN, surrounded by loved ones.

George will be missed by his loving wife of 67 years, Minnie Mae “Daisy” Britt Kessler of Madison, IN; his daughters, Jennifer Mack and her husband, Doug of Jefferson County, IN, Jody Horning and her husband, Mike of Greenwood, IN; his granddaughters, Rebecca Bracho and her husband, Eddie of Westfield, IN, Sophie Horning of Greenwood, IN; his great grandson, Bennett Bracho of Westfield, IN; his brother, William “Billy” Kessler and his wife, Jeanette; his sister, Nancy Lee and her husband, Ralph of Greensburg, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded

in death by his father, Ernest Kessler; his mother, Martha (Fansler) Kessler; his daughter, Janet Kessler; his son, Ernie Kessler; his brother, Ray Kessler; his sister, Julia Ann Hentrup.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024, at 2 p.m., by Pastor Frank McGee at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on Hall’s Ridge near Canaan, IN.

Friends may visit Sunday from 12 — 2 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Canaan Masonic Lodge No. 581 F. & A.M. will conduct a Masonic service on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Deborah Jane Wallace Dorten**



Deborah Jane Wallace Dorten, age 76, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Nov. 21, 1947, in Muhlenberg County, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late William Buckley and Carolyn Hughes Wallace. She was raised in Central City, KY, and was a 1965, graduate of Central City High School. Deborah was raised in and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Central City, KY. She then attended Kentucky Wesleyan College and received her bachelor’s in English. She was also a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. She was united in marriage on March 18, 1972, in Central City, KY, to Major General (Ret) Cecil L. Dorten. This union of 28 years was blessed with two sons, Christopher and Patrick, and blended two families together with Cecil’s daughter, Julie. The family settled in Madison, in July 1975, and Deborah was always supportive of General Dorten’s military career, and philanthropic roles in the community as well as his corporations he was involved in. She also was very civic-minded and served where needed in the community, including working as a substitute teacher at the schools. She was elected to the Madison Consolidated

School Board and served her community well in that role. She was a faith-based woman that attended Prince of Peace Catholic Church and Madison Assembly of God Church. She loved playing the piano, writing songs, reading, advancing her knowledge, was an avid golfer, an extensive traveler, and loved socializing. Deborah died on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, at her home in Madison, IN.

Deborah will be missed by her sons, Christopher R. Dorten of Hanover, IN, and Patrick H. Dorten of Madison, IN; her stepdaughter, Julie A. Dorten of Louisville, KY; her daughter in law and caregiver, Amanda Dorten of Hanover, IN; her grandchildren, Parker Dorten, Reese Dorten and Riley Dorten; her caregivers, Kristin Hall and Telly Cassidy of Madison, IN; her brother, Chris Wallace and his wife, Karen of Lexington, KY; her

sisters in law, Nancy Raisor of Jeffersonville, IN, Mary Pat Williamson of Victoria, TX, Judy Tumbrink and her husband, Jim of Memphis, TN; her brother in law, Glenn Dorten of Memphis, TN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Buckley Wallace; her mother, Carolyn Hughes Wallace; her husband of 28 years, Major General (RET) Cecil L. Dorten, died Feb. 17, 2000.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Micah Adkins at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, IN

Memorial contributions may be made to Deborah Wallace Dorten Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

**Dexter Ray Haney**



Dexter Ray Haney, age 74, of Oldenburg, IN, formerly of Switzerland County, entered this life on Aug. 24, 1950, in Ajax in Perry County, KY. He was the loving son of the late Robert, Jr. and Jessie Mae Godsey Haney. He resided his early years in Cincinnati, OH, and the family moved to a farm in Switzerland County in June of 1963. He attended school in Cincinnati, and later in Switzerland County. Dexter was inducted into the United States Army, on Jan.19, 1971 during the Vietnam era, and served in the CO, 595th MP Company as a Specialist Four as a dog handler in the Sentry Service. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 18, 1977, from the Reserves. He moved to Oldenburg in 1972, and began a career with Hillenbrand Industries at the Batesville Casket Company. He worked there for 52 years and finished up as a stainless steel finishing brush man. He was united in marriage in the fall of 1975, to Mary Elizabeth Laudick and this union

was blessed with one son, Joshua Ray. He enjoyed playing the guitar and the keyboard. He had played in a band early in life. He loved to ride motorcycles and loved handling dogs. Dexter died on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, at 7:18 p.m. at the St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville, IN.

Dexter will be missed by his son, Joshua Ray; his brothers, Leslie L. Haney of Latonia, KY, and James C. Haney and his wife, Brenda of Canaan, IN; his sisters, Glada M. Niesz and her husband, Erich of Cold Spring, KY, Ninya L. Duebel of Highland Heights, KY, and Teresa G. Smith of SC; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Haney, Jr., and his mother, Jessie Mae Godsey Haney.

Private family services will be conducted Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, at 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Entombment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, 9306 North US 421 near Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Monday from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sentry Dog Alumni. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

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**Spam Calls to Scams**



**Layin’ it on the line**

By Stephen Dybwad  
Retirement Planning/  
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The evolution of spam calls into sophisticated scams is a troubling phenomenon that poses significant risks to individuals and communities worldwide. What once started as annoying telemarketing has morphed into a complex web of fraudulent schemes designed to exploit unsuspecting victims. These scams are orchestrated with increasing cunning, leveraging technology and psychological tactics to deceive individuals and extract personal information or money.

**ID Spoofing.** One of the most alarming aspects of this transformation is the seamless integration of technology into these schemes. Scammers now utilize automated systems that can generate and place thousands of calls simultaneously. This mass targeting allows them to cast a wide net and increase the probability of success. Furthermore, they employ techniques such as caller ID spoofing to make their calls appear legitimate or to mimic trusted entities like government agencies, banks, or well-known companies. This deception

can easily disarm individuals who might otherwise be wary of unsolicited calls.

**Social Engineering.** Another disturbing trend is the refinement of social engineering tactics within these scams. Scammers exploit human emotions and vulnerabilities to manipulate victims into divulging sensitive information or transferring money. They often prey on fear, urgency, or the desire for financial gain. For instance, a common tactic involves impersonating law enforcement or tax officials, claiming that the victim owes money or is facing legal consequences. This instills panic and compels individuals to act hastily without verifying the legitimacy of the call.

**Data Breaches.** Moreover, the proliferation of data breaches and the availability of personal information on the dark web have empowered scammers with detailed profiles of potential targets. Armed with this data, they can customize their approaches to appear highly convincing. Victims may receive calls that reference specific details about their lives, making the scam seem more credible. This personalized touch adds another layer of sophistication to the deception, increasing the likelihood of success.

**Financial Devastation.** The consequences of falling victim to these scams can be devastating. Beyond financial losses, individuals may suffer emotional distress, damage to their credit, or even identity theft. Moreover, the erosion of trust in legitimate communication channels-such as phone calls from recognized organizations-poses broader societal challenges. When people cannot discern between authentic and fraudulent communications, it undermines the integrity of essential services and institutions.

**Education.** Addressing

this issue requires a multi-faceted approach that combines technological solutions, regulatory measures, and public education. Telecommunication companies must invest in robust call authentication systems that can verify the legitimacy of incoming calls. Regulatory bodies need to enact stricter penalties for illegal telemarketing and implement measures to combat caller ID spoofing. Additionally, law enforcement agencies must collaborate across borders to dismantle sophisticated scam operations and hold perpetrators accountable.

**Remain Vigilant.** At the same time, public awareness campaigns play a crucial role in empowering individuals to recognize and report scam attempts. Education initiatives should highlight common tactics used by scammers and provide guidance on how to verify the authenticity of calls. Encouraging individuals to remain vigilant and skeptical of unsolicited requests for personal information is essential in combating these threats.

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**MADISON**

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who has ever rolled their own will know Joker is a popular brand of rolling paper. I just thought it was a cool phrase and had a nice ring to it.”

Keith continues, “We play a little bit in Columbus, but not much. Some in Greensburg and North Vernon. But honestly, most of our playing is in Madison. You guys just have a culture of live music here that we don’t see in other towns.”

Darrell picks up that thread, “The fans tend to be younger here in Madison, and they really get into us. They know what we’ve come to do ... play it loud, crass and really good rock and roll.”

At this point all three guys chimed in unison “We love Madison!” To which I would reply, Hey boys, you are preaching to the choir.



Handout

**Tracy Thompson, Bryan Autry and Kevin Sage of the Smokin’ Jokers.**

If you’d like to catch one of their upcoming shows they are Rivertown Grill

on Dec. 14, at Tailgators Dec. 21, and at Fat Guys in  
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# MCS ratifies teacher contract, increases pay for all staff

**BY BOB DEMAREE**

A one-year contract with the Madison Teachers Association was ratified at Wednesday’s meeting of the Madison Consolidated Schools board of trustees, along with approval of increases for classified, administrators and substitutes.

“A big thank you to our board for the raises and stipends just approved for our staff,” said MCS Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown. “We’re talking \$1.9 million. I appreciate the fact that you committed that, and those resources to our staff.”

The teachers agreement addressed salary compression for years one through 20 with an average increase of 3.3% to the base pay. Teachers with more than 21 years will get an average increase of \$1,811 to their base. Additionally, all teachers will receive a \$1,500 stipend.

Included in the teachers contract are several extra-curricular

activity compensations including establishing a mentor leader with three levels, junior high dramatics programs, elementary Unified sports positions and high school assistant swim coach position. The school corporation is also picking up the 2% premium increase in insurance.

For classified hourly, classified salaried, administrators, certified salaried employees and substitutes who meet the incentive criteria, the average increase is 3% with the one-time stipend of \$1,500.

The stipend for teachers and staff will be paid as separate pay on Dec. 12. Substitutes will receive a stipend amount based on the number of days they have subbed as of Oct. 31; the stipend will vary depending on the number of days they have subbed since July 1.

In other business:

- With Michael Scott resign-

ing as board vice president at the Oct. 28 meeting due an ethics violation for endorsing school board candidates at the board’s Oct. 2 meeting, David Storie was elected vice president through the end of the year. Because Storie had been serving as secretary, a replacement was also needed for that office and Dustin Bentz was elected.

- Honored School Resource Officer Travis Conover with a “Make a Difference” award for saving a life on Oct. 10, while serving at an extra-curricular event during the soccer sectional.

“At approximately 4:23 p.m., dispatch put a call out to the Madison Police Department to a call on Clifty Drive near the high school that advised a male subject was down in a construction area,” said MCS District Safety Director Jacob McVey.

Conover was nearby and responded to the site within one

minute. The ill-stricken man was down and construction workers were performing CPR when Conover arrived and used his school-issued AED to revive the man. The man regained a pulse on the second shock, and after a recovery period of a few weeks has now returned to work.

Conover will also be receiving a lifesaving award from Jefferson County Sheriff Ben Flint.

- MCS Technology Officer Josh Taylor was honored for earning the Certified Education Technology Leader (CETL) designation. “The CETL certification has only been earned by a few tech directors in the state,” said Nick Williams, clinic chair for the Indiana CTO Council. “This organization helps ensure that we have qualified leaders in these spots, and Josh has exemplified that ... He has continued to learn and grow as an individual, and we’re proud to announce that he has CETL certification

which I believe first in Madison.”

- Heard a presentation on Deputy Elementary School, led by Principal Kathy Stoner.
- Accepted a \$50,000 donation from the Schutte Family Fund for the Growing Minds Farm Stop, a program of Madison Consolidated High School students that is slated to begin operations early next year at 602 Main Street, offering fresh produce, milk and eggs as well as some baked goods.
- Approved the hiring a Brian-na Caudill as fifth grade teacher at Madison Junior High School, effective Jan. 6, and the retirement of Michael Heitz as French teacher effective at the end of year.
- Recognized Katie Dryden in the administration office for achieving human resources certification through the Indiana Association of School Business Officials’ professional development program.

## CENTER

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The preliminary design by Schmidt Associates will evaluate the E.O. Muncie building, taking into consideration a recommendation of what can and cannot be utilized as a potential childcare facility. “It will be up to the architects to decide how much of that building is reusable space,” Brown said. “They’ll have to evaluate the structure and whatever makes the most sense.”

E.O. Muncie Elementary was named after Emery Ozro Muncie, who served as superintendent of Madison schools for 43 years. The elementary school closed after completion of the 2018-2019 school

year with the re-opening of Anderson Elementary School the following year. The building was then used as an alternative school and became E.O. Muncie Junior/Senior High School.

Board member Michael Scott read a statement at the end of the meeting in support of pursuing the childcare center.

“A significant amount of time and energy has been spent by the MCS leadership and this school board evaluating the need for an early learning center. Earlier this evening we voted to spend some of our grant money to secure early design concepts and cost estimates. This data is critical in determining the future of this project,” Scott read.

“After sharing some information at the last

board meeting about the early learning center, I have heard a few concerns from local residents about not wanting taxes to increase. Just to be clear, this project would not increase our tax rate due to our ability to successfully pay off previous existing debt,” Scott added. “In essence, we’re going to be funding this on our own. No increase in taxes. The current proposal for the new early learning center is to provide space for 300 children ranging from basically birth to 4 years old. We have the opportunity to build something really special for this community to support the hard working families while providing early education opportunities for the most precious commodity. This seems like a logical and practical solution.”

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North Vernon on Dec. 28.

### HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Here’s my piece of advice for this week (and every week) ... tip the band. Every time, at every venue you visit. I can’t stress how important your support, through tipping, is to the future of Indiana’s Music City. We have a bunch of venues (just look at this Friday and Saturday night!) that are investing heavily to bring you free, high quality live music. Free to you, no cover charge. It’s a significant expense to the bar owner. And it’s not guaranteed they will continue with music if it doesn’t make financial sense. But guess what. If the bands know from experience they will

make a couple hundred in tips every time they play in Madison, they won’t charge the bar as much. Your generous tipping will save the bar owner money, and very possibly save our amazing culture of FREE live music in our town. So tip what you can, every time you enjoy a live band. Help us build a reputation as the town that truly supports great live music.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

**MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

First Street Saloon — Imposters w/Daryl Hewitt  
Tailgators — Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Rivertown Grill — Keith Swinney Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)  
The Central — Fall City Boys  
The Riverboat Inn — Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)  
The Drake — Jimmy, Danny & Kerry (8-11 p.m.)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Rivertown Grill — The Strange Brew (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)  
First Street Saloon — L&L Karaoke  
Red Bicycle Hall — Shot Down in Flames: AC/DC Tribute (8 p.m.)  
Tailgators — Memphis Reigns (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)  
The Central — Crossfire VFW Post 1969 — Legacy Band (8 p.m.-midnight)  
Thomas Family Winery — Highland Reign (8 p.m.)



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Hard work pays off as Madison’s Sever inks deal with Findlay

**BY DAVID CAMPBELL**

Perhaps no local athlete has come as far as Camdyn Sever has over the past six years. Through hard work and dedication, the Madison Consolidated High School senior has transformed himself from somebody who made coaches fear for his safety every time he went into the water to a college swimmer.

Last week, Sever officially signed to swim at the University of Findlay in Ohio next year, culminating an impressive year that saw him reach the IHSAA State Finals and earn the Madison Courier Boys Swimmer of the Year award.

“I was pretty nervous (about signing) but I also feel really good for this moment,” said Sever, surrounded by friends, family and coaches. “It was a really difficult decision because there’s a lot you have to factor in, like the facilities, the campus, just the team and Findlay was really good with all of that. I’m really happy.”

Earning a college scholarship was the furthest from Madison coach John Schutte’s mind when he first saw Sever swim in middle school. Even as a freshman, he was solid but not a star.

But off-season training and dedication to the sport led to a breakout as a sophomore and last season, when Sever emerged as one of the best swimmers in the state.

“He works hard, and he works hard with all the coaches. You’ll notice that there’s a lot of coaches here,” Schutte said with a smile. “Whether he’s in club or he’s at the high school or he’s doing his dry land training, he just gives us his all and I’m so proud of him. I’m so glad that he’s going to get be able to go on and continue.”

As a sophomore, Sever got a chance to swim in the state finals as part of a 200-yard freestyle relay team that finished second at sectional but earned

advancement on time, which is an incredibly difficult feat.

Sever earned solo trips to the state finals as a junior with a pair of sectional wins in the 50 free-style in 21:49 and the 100 free in 47.01. He placed 22nd in the 50 free at state in 21:60 and 24th in the 100 free at 47.46.

Sever has done every stroke during his time at Madison but the freestyle is where he excels and that is what he expects to do at Findlay.

“They’ve told me that I will probably be the sprinter and breast-stroker because my times are up there with the freestylers,” Sever said. “I might do some breaststroke, but I’m mainly just freestyle for them.”

Madison has had several outstanding swimmers over the past few years but Sever is just the second to swim at the next level. Schutte believes that the best is still to come for his star.

“He is going to a great pro-



David Campbell  
Madison senior Camdyn Sever has signed to swim at the University of Findlay.

gram, and from the time he visited there, he really enjoyed the team, he enjoyed the coach, he loved the facilities. And you know, with swimming, you got to enjoy all that, right?” Schutte said. “It’s got to be a good fit, because otherwise, it’s just agony every single day to go in there to a place if it’s not set up right. I’m glad he was able to find a place that he wanted to go and I know he’ll be great.”



Nina Campbell  
Switzerland County senior Cooper Todd is the Madison Courier Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

MADISON COURIER BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Todd graduates as Switzerland’s best-ever

**BY DAVID CAMPBELL**

Switzerland County boys soccer coach David Todd has asked a lot from his best player, Cooper Todd, over the years. From scorer to facilitator, the younger Todd has had a variety of roles in his four years in Vevay. But it was a different role that stands out the most: Winner.

Cooper Todd will graduate this year from Switzerland County as the most decorated boys soccer player in school history. He finished with more than 100 career goals, made First Team All-District and All-State Honorable Mention and this year he is the Madison Courier Boys Soccer Player of the Year for the second time in three seasons.

But the one stat that he will remember most will be the wins. Todd was the main catalyst on a Switzerland team that won 55 games in four seasons, two Ohio River Valley Conference championships and a first-ever sectional crown in program history.

“I think he’s shown a lot of growth through the years. I think it was a consistent growth. And he’s got the teammates that allowed him to do the things he did,” David Todd said. “We preach defense, we preach an all-around game, and he’s the guy that gets the accolades because of the scoring, but he was able to become an overall team player and an overall leader and the guys followed his lead. That’s what allowed us to get

55 wins over the last four years, and 15 this year.”

As his father and coach, David Todd was able to watch young Cooper grow into a complete player. As a sophomore, Cooper was a dominate offensive force on a team went 19-0 before falling in the regional semifinals. But as the years and teammates changed, Todd developed into a more complete player.

“I think just transitioning year to year, it’s a lot different people depending on you and we had the kind of teams that were good at playing in the system that we’re playing,” Cooper Todd said. “I was very fortunate this year to have a lot of guys around me who could give me the ball and we could translate it from our defense to our offense. So that was pretty important for me. You know, I think I expanded my game as being more of an all-around player this year, and a lot of that came from my teammates being able to do different things and push me forward.”

That all-around play showed this year. Todd scored 31 goals but he also made teams pay for trying to concentrate on him by dishing out 14 assists. His 76 total points were fifth in the state of Indiana, his goals were seventh in the state and his assists were 18th.

Overall, Cooper graduates with 105 career goals and 37 assists for an impressive 247 points and an average of 3.48 per game in his career.

Todd said being able to get his teammates involved was one of his favorite parts of the game.

“That’s something that I was very proud of because we knew going into games, teams would have some folks on me and a lot of other guys stepped up,” Todd said. “They did a great job and that’s something I was proud of, for sure.”

Todd, who also plays basketball, has his sights on playing soccer at the next level. He has talked with several schools but no decisions have been made yet.

“I’m looking to play in college. That’s something I’ve wanted to do for a while,” he said. “So it’s just me trying to make some decisions moving forward in the near future.”

David Todd has had a front-row seat to his son’s success and he wouldn’t have wanted it any other way.

“There were times that I would have liked to have been in the stands watching instead of being the coach and I’m sure at times he probably wishes I was in the stands,” David Todd said with a smile. “I think that he and I will both look back with a lot of fond memories of that experience and I wouldn’t trade it for anything. Getting to coach your kid is something special. It can be a difficult thing at times, but I think we both made the best of it. My wife and I are both very proud of him.”

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Miller’s 3-pointers power Hanover men to win

**BY THE COURIER STAFF**

Luke Miller hit four 3-pointers down the stretch and Cam Freeman scored the go-ahead basket with 1:16 to play to lift Hanover to a 67-66 win at Spalding (Ky.) University in men’s basketball on Wednesday.

Spalding led by 10 points (60-50) with 4:38 to play but Hanover closed the game on a frantic run. Miller hit four 3-pointers as the Panthers sliced into the lead. Freeman’s jumper with 1:16 to go pushed Hanover over the top, 67-66.

The Panthers then posted two defensive stops, the last on a steal by C.J. Walls, to clinch the win.

Miller, a Madison Consolidated High School graduate and son of Hanover coach Jon Miller, finished with a game-high 24 points to lead Hanover. Coleman Sater had 11 points and seven rebounds and Freeman scored nine points.

Hanover, now 2-0 on the season, travels to Colorado College on Saturday.

Hanover volleyball lost in three sets to Earlham in the opening round of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Wednesday in Richmond.

The fifth-seeded Panthers were overpowered 25-10 in sets one and three but battled it out with the fourth-seeded Quakers in extra points before falling 31-29 in set two.

Elliot Mays had seven kills for Hanover, Abbey McCoy had nine digs and Megan Vogel had 12 assists.

Hanover ends the season with a 21-8 record.

Earlham (13-13) advances to play top-seeded Transylvania (20-7, 9-0 HCAC) in the tourney semifinal Saturday in Lexington, Kentucky. Third-seeded Manchester, a 3-1 winner over No. 6 seed Anderson, plays No. 2 Mount St. Joseph in the second semifinal.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>FRIDAY, NOV. 15</b>
<b>BASKETBALL</b>
Southwestern girls host Crothersville, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls hosts Madison, 7:30 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY, NOV. 16</b>
<b>BASKETBALL</b>
Hanover men at Colorado College, 4 p.m.
Southwestern girls host Greenwood Christian, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at Henryville, 7:30 p.m.
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>
Hanover, NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional at Shelbyville, 11 a.m.
<b>FOOTBALL</b>
Hanover at Franklin, 1:30 p.m.
<b>SWIMMING</b>
Southwestern at New Albany, 11 a.m.
<b>SUNDAY, NOV. 17</b>
No local events
<b>MONDAY, NOV. 18</b>
No local events
<b>TUESDAY, NOV. 19</b>
<b>BASKETBALL</b>
Carroll Co. boys hosts Ludlow (scrimmage), 6 p.m.
Shawe girls at South Central, 6 p.m.
Hanover women hosts Anderson, 7 p.m.
Madison girls host South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls host Clarksville, 7:30 p.m.
<b>SWIMMING</b>
Southwestern girls, New Albany Relays, 6 p.m.

MADISON COURIER BOYS SOCCER ALL-COURIER AREA TEAM				
Name	School	Cl.	Pos.	Key Stats
Gus Grote	Shawe	So.	F	24 goals, 6 assts
Kaedon Higgins	Southwestern	Jr.	F	8 goals, 6 assts
Henry Knauer	Southwestern	Jr.	F	32 goals, 5 assts
Graham Klein	Madison	Sr.	GK	85 saves, 4 SO
Austin Johns	Switzerland Co.	Jr.	CB	6 goals, 4 assts
Connor Johnson	Southwestern	Jr.	M	5 goals, 17 assts
Vincent Lange	Madison	Jr.	M	15 goals, 6 assts
Gamaliel Maldonado	Carroll Co.	So.	M	19 goals, 1 asst
Ashton Purvis	Switzerland Co.	Sr.	M	14 goals, 9 assts
Rodrigo Reyes-Miranda	Shawe	Jr.	F	14 goals, 11 assts
Zachary Richards	Carroll Co.	Jr.	F	15 goals, 2 assts
Bartosz Rychlicki	Shawe	So.	F	30 goals, 10 assts
Henry Schmidt	Madison	So.	F	15 goals, 5 assts
Cooper Todd	Switzerland Co.	Sr.	M	31 goals, 14 assts
Nate Williams	Switzerland Co.	So.	K	86 saves, 10 SO
• Player of the Year				

# Hilltoppers send message with rout of No. 11 Jac-Cen-Del

**BY DAVID CAMPBELL**  
Shawe coach Drew Kring wasn't exactly thrilled with his team's effort in practice on Monday and sent his squad home early to send a message. It's safe to say, message was received.  
Shawe jumped out of the gates red-hot and never looked back, blasting Class A No. 11 Jac-Cen-Del 68-41 at home on Tuesday in girls basketball. The Hilltoppers scored 21 points in the first quarter, got a combined 52 points from Allison Knoebel and Audrey Barron and led by as many as 31 in cruising to their first win of the season.

"Maybe I should kick them out of practice more often," joked Kring.  
The win was Shawe's first over its Ohio River Valley Conference tormentors since 2008, a span of 21-straight games, and was just the 12th win all-time in the nearly 50-year series between the two schools.  
And it was by far the biggest margin of victory the Hilltoppers have ever had over the Eagles.  
Expectations are as high this season as they have ever been for Shawe, which won the conference title two years ago but suffered through an injury-plagued season last year. While still not fully healthy — junior point guard Hunter Mote watched the game from the sidelines — the Hilltoppers showed why they could be expecting a long tournament run this season.  
Knoebel and Barron each hit two 3-pointers in the first quarter as



Shawe coach Drew Kring (with glasses), assistant coach Kendall Withered (right) and junior Hunter Mote (left) watch the action during the Hilltoppers' win over Jac-Cen-Del on Tuesday.

Shawe showed up ready to play. Jac-Cen-Del countered with five treys in the game's first nine minutes to keep pace, but once the outside shooting dried up, the Hilltoppers were off to the races.  
Leading just 25-21 midway through the second quarter, Shawe closed the first half on a 14-2 run to take a 16-point lead into halftime and opened the third with five more points to turn the game into a rout.  
At the heart of Shawe's dominance was its stifling half-court defense which turned 18 Jac-Cen-Del turnovers into 24 points, and a 12-for-31 shooting performance from the arc.  
"The talk in the locker room before we came out here was we want to start fast. That first four minutes of the game was

so important," Kring said. "At the half, we told them it was a 0-0 game and in that first four minutes we're gonna push it out. We want to go from 16 to 24 and we did that."  
Shawe (1-1, 1-0 ORVC) led 58-31 after three quarters and pushed the margin to 31 (68-37) with 5:30 to play before coasting to the finish.  
With only six players available, Knoebel, Barron, Ava Turner and Odyssey Felix each played the entire 32 minutes. Knoebel had a double-double of 31 points and 10 rebounds on 4-of-9 shooting from the arc and added five assists and four steals. Barron, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, had 21 points on 8-of-14 shooting, five rebounds, seven assists and two steals.

"Those two are gonna lead the way a lot. I mean, I'm gonna ask them to do a ton, you know?" Kring said.  
"And I can't say enough about Ava. I'm trying to get her a little bit more involved. i don't think she shot it as well as as she could have tonight, obviously, but she does so much for us."  
"Those three are going to carry us. If we're going to be good, those three are going to have to do it. Tonight, it was Allison and Audrey. Tomorrow, maybe it's somebody else."  
Jamison Williams hit three 3-pointers and scored nine points for Shawe, Turner had four points, five rebounds and four assists, and Felix scored three points.  
Kelsey Borgman



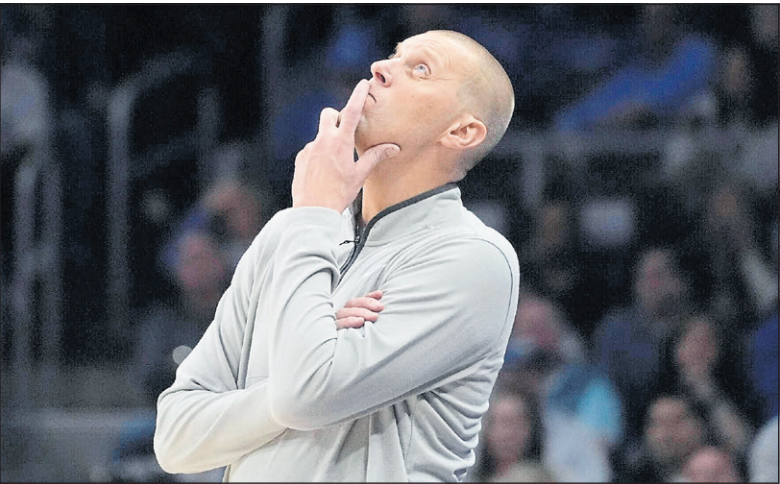
Shawe's Allison Knoebel (11) fires a shot over Jac-Cen-Del's Cheyenne Cullen. Knoebel had 31 points in the Hilltoppers' win.

had 15 points and eight rebounds, and Brooklyn Simon had 12 points to lead Jac-Cen-Del (0-2, 0-1 ORVC).  
Shawe returned to action on Thursday when it traveled to Oldenburg, which is ranked 13th in the Class A poll. Coupled with last Saturday's opener against Class 3A No. 12 Charlestown, the Hilltoppers will open the season with three-straight games against ranked opponents

before heading to South Central next Tuesday.  
"This week is a big one. We go three games against three ranked opponents right out of the gate," Kring said.  
"We battled (Charlestown) tough, we just didn't shoot well."  
"We come in here tonight against a conference and a sectional opponent and take care of business."  
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# Oweh's big plays give Pope first big win at UK

**BY PAUL NEWBERRY**  
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ATLANTA — Otega Oweh knocked down four free throws in the final 10.3 seconds and No. 19 Kentucky claimed the first big win of Mark Pope's coaching tenure, knocking off No. 6 Duke 77-72 in the Champions Classic on Tuesday night.  
In the frenetic closing seconds, Duke (2-1) tied the game at 72 on Cooper Flagg's lay-in with 1:14 remaining but never got off another shot.  
Flagg ruined a 26-point night by turning the ball over twice in the final minute to hand the victory to the Wildcats (3-0).  
"Not everything was going our way, especially in the first half ..." UK forward Andrew Carr said postgame.  
"I felt like we did an unbelievable job of being resilient tonight. Really special way to come out with the win."  
Oweh had a steal that led to a pair of free throws, then snatched away an offensive rebound off a missed free throw by Lamont Butler, drawing another foul that set up two more free throws with 0.5 seconds left.  
Otega Oweh picked the pocket of Duke star Cooper Flagg with 12 seconds left to play and the score tied at 72 and drove down the floor to draw a foul and set himself up for the go-ahead free throws.



Kentucky head coach Mark Pope looks up at the scoreboard during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Duke. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Atlanta.

"He [head coach Mark Pope] just told me to go make a play, be aggressive," Oweh said of his game-winning steal. "He trusted me to make those types of plays, and I trusted myself to make those types of plays. We did share a moment where he just told me to go be me."

Andrew Carr paced Kentucky with 17 points, while Oweh added 15. It was a huge win for Pope, a former Kentucky player who returned to his alma mater after the departure of long-time coach John Calipari.  
"I like our group and if we had lost this game, I would still like our group," said Pope. "I've been blessed to coach incredible young men. Incredibly blessed."  
"This group is special. This group and they've been that way before we played a game in the summer," Pope added. "The guys were so intentional. Nobody knew each other and they've been very intentional about getting to know each other and three or four weeks into the summer, I had guys doing incredibly gracious, generous acts of kindness for their teammates."  
"When we had a bunch of stuff this summer that was tough with guys' lives outside of basketball, family stuff, and I think that wins. I really think it wins in the end. These guys have been so intentional about about working

to love each other."  
**TAKEAWAYS**  
**Duke:** The Blue Devils turned it over only seven times all night, but Flagg's miscues at the end cost them a chance to pull out the victory.  
**Kentucky:** The Wildcats showed plenty of balance. Only three players reached double figures but nine players registered on the scoresheet.  
**Key moment:** With Duke trailing 74-72, Flagg stumbled as he dribbled into the corner and wound up putting his hand on the end line while trying to regain his balance, turning the ball over to the Wildcats with 5 seconds remaining.  
**Key stat:** Duke was just 4 of 23 from 3-point range, while the Wildcats made 10 of 25 beyond the arc.  
**Up next:** Duke returns home to face Wofford on Saturday. Kentucky hosts Lipscomb next Tuesday to begin a four-game homestand (TV: Streamed live on SEC+ at 7 p.m.)

# Zeigler, Lanier lead Vols over Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Chaz Lanier and Zakai Zeigler each scored 19 points and No. 12 Tennessee held Louisville to 27% shooting in a 77-55 rout on Saturday.  
The Volunteers (2-0), who shot 57%, outrebounded the Cardinals 40-26 (28 defensively) and outscored them 40-10 in the paint in the first meeting between the schools since 2018.  
Tennessee led 10-0 after five minutes and several times by at least 20 points, pulling away for the last time after Louisville (1-1) closed within 47-38 early in the second half.  
Zeigler made 7 of 13 from the field, including 4 of 7 from beyond the arc. Lanier went 7-of-15 shooting and 3 of 6 from long range as Tennessee made 10 of 19 (53%) on 3s.  
Reyne Smith came off the bench to score 18 points for the Cardinals, who shot 16 of 60 for the game.  
That included just 10 of 39 from beyond the arc (26%).

**TAKEAWAYS**  
**Tennessee:** The Volunteers showed their quickness and athleticism throughout on both ends, going hard to the rim on offense and sealing off the lane defensively.  
They were sometimes ragged in committing 20 turnovers, but that led to just 12 points thanks to the Cardinals' errors.  
**Louisville:** The Cardinals initially struggled controlling the ball, and then it was getting off a shot against the Vols' defense.  
That left them firing from long range, which often resulted in misses other than the one second-half stretch in which they closed within single digits.  
**KEY MOMENT**  
After Louisville got within nine with 13:17 remaining, Tennessee went on a 12-2 run over the next 4:12 to slam the door.  
**KEY STAT**  
Tennessee scored 20 points off 15 Louisville turnovers.

# Louisville women rout UT Martin

MARTIN, Tenn. — Nyla Harris led a balanced attack with 16 points and No. 18 Louisville defeated UT Martin 86-64 on Tuesday night.  
Harris was 6-of-8 shooting for the Cardinals (2-1), who shot 71% (17 of 24) in the second half and 57% (31 of 54) for the game despite finishing 4 of 14 on 3-pointers.  
Olivia Cochran had 14

points, seven rebounds and three steals for Louisville, which plays at No. 20 Kentucky on Saturday. Tajian Roberts scored 13 points and Imari Barry had 10 points and nine rebounds as 12 of 13 players scored and all of them had a rebound.  
Kenley McCarn had 21 points to lead the Skyhawks (0-3), who shot 30%. Anaya

Brown added 12 points and Shae Littleford had 11.  
The Cardinals used a 10-0 run to build a 25-11 lead after one quarter and had a 17-0 run in the second to lead 44-20 at the half. UT Martin shot 17%.  
The Skyhawks scored 44 points in the second half when Louisville committed 15 turnovers.

# Lawrence sparks UK over Wofford

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Dazia Lawrence made all of her shots in the first quarter to score 15 points and finished with 19 as she ignited No. 20 Kentucky's 76-42 win over Wofford on Tuesday night.  
Clara Strack scored 16 points, grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds and had five assists and four blocks for the Wildcats (3-0). Teonni Key had 11 points and a career-high 13 boards and Georgia Amore had 11 points with seven assists. Kentucky had

10 blocks, pushing their nation leading total to 38.  
Maddie Heiss topped the Terriers (2-1) with 11 points. Evangelia Paulk and Indiya Clarke both had 10.  
Lawrence, a senior transfer from Charlotte, hit Kentucky's first two baskets, added a couple free throws and knocked down three 3-pointers as the Wildcats led 22-5 after one quarter.  
Lawrence missed a shot in the second quarter and the Wildcats shot poorly but it

didn't matter as they stretched the lead to 34-12 at the half. The Terriers shot 11% in the first half (4 of 36).  
Kentucky scored the first eight points of the third quarter to push the lead to 42-12 and the lead was 39 with 3:37 to play.  
Lawrence, who shot 6 of 9 from the field, had four of Kentucky's 10 3s. Wofford finished with five 3s on 30 attempts and shot 20% (14 of 69) overall.  
The Wildcats host No. 18 Louisville on Saturday.



Julio Cortez | Associated Press  
Mike Tyson, front left, and Jake Paul, front right, face off during a news conference ahead of their fight Wednesday in Irving, Texas.

# Tyson concedes role of villain to young foe in fight with Paul

BY SCHUYLER DIXON  
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ARLINGTON, Texas — Friendship is at the heart of how a fight came together between 58-year-old former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and much younger YouTube-turned-boxer Jake Paul. Friction helped build the hype for a bout that is testing the formula for how boxing is delivered to the masses, a first-ever combat sports offering from the streaming platform Netflix rather than pay-per-view or traditional cable. “I think they’re beloved fans of Mike Tyson,” Paul said, trying to explain the boisterous boos that have greeted him when the two have appeared together in recent months to hype the event. “And I’m the new kid on the block, the disrupter, loud mouth, polarizing figure,” Paul said. “And I’ve built my career as the heel. Naturally people want to root against me, and that’s great for the sport of boxing.” Tyson’s first sanctioned professional fight in almost 20 years is set for Friday night at the home of the NFL’s Dallas Cowboys. A crowd of at least 60,000 is expected while Netflix offers the bout at no additional cost to more than 280 million subscribers globally. The 27-year-old Paul is rel-

atively new to the sport, the one-time social media influencer bringing a 10-1 record with seven knockouts mostly against mixed martial artists and journeymen boxers. Tyson was 50-6 with 44 knockouts when he retired after losing to Kevin McBride in 2005, saying he didn’t have anything left to give the sport. He last fought in an exhibition against Roy Jones Jr. with no fans during the pandemic in 2020. A fight originally scheduled for July 20 was postponed when Tyson had to be treated for a stomach ulcer after falling ill on a flight. Tyson said in a documentary chronicling the preparations for the fight that he lost 26 pounds in the process of recovering. Promoter Nakisa Bidarian, who co-founded Most Valuable Promotions with Paul, said Tyson was cleared medically weeks ago. Bidarian sidestepped a question of how concerned he was for Tyson’s health once he steps in the ring. “I’m nervous for both men,” Bidarian said. “The reality is Jake’s never been hit by someone like Mike Tyson flush on the chin. And Mike hasn’t fought someone like Jake for a very long time. That’s what makes this interesting.” Paul said he had a vision for the fight about two years ago and shared it with Tyson

because he thought the Hall of Famer would understand — and be interested. It took about that long for the bout to come together. Tyson appeared agitated at both hype events with fans in the Dallas area, first in the weeks before the originally scheduled fight and again at a news conference two nights before the bout. He was more reflective in a smaller setting with reporters, suggesting he wasn’t the same foul-mouthed, scowling fighter from his prime. “I’ve been through so many ups and downs since my last fight with Kevin McBride,” Tyson said. “I’ve been in rehab. I’ve been in prison, been locked up. Never in a million years did I believe I’d be doing this.” According to reports, Paul will get \$40 million for the fight, a number he mentioned at another news conference in New York in August. Tyson, who had two stints in prison over convictions in the 1990s for rape and assault and declared bankruptcy 21 years ago, will get \$20 million. Tyson has said he isn’t doing the fight for money. “That old Mike Tyson ... he doesn’t have no more purpose in my life. He just doesn’t exist,” Tyson said. “I’m having a good time in my life. I don’t have much time left, so I’m having the best time of my life.”



Manu Fernandez | Associated Press  
Japan’s Ena Shibahara returns the ball against Romania’s Jaqueline Cristian during the Billie Jean King Cup Finals on Thursday at the Martin Carpena Sports Hall, in Malaga, southern Spain.

# Japan rallies to beat Romania and reach King quarterfinals

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
MALAGA, Spain — Japan reached the quarterfinals of the Billie Jean King Cup Finals for the first time since 2013 after rallying to defeat Romania 2-1 on Thursday. Japan advanced when Eri Hozumi and Shuko Aoyama defeated Monica Niculescu and Elena Ruse 6-1, 7-5 in the deciding doubles match. Ana Bogdan had put Romania ahead with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Nao Hibino in the first singles match of the day but Ena Shibahara pulled Japan level with a 6-4, 7-6 (2) victory over Jaqueline Cristian. Japan will face Italy in the quarterfinals. The United States faced Slovakia later Thursday for a place in the last eight. The first match between Japan and Romania had been moved back two hours because of a severe weather alert that was in effect in the Malaga region until early in the day. The weather alert had already forced the opening meeting between Spain and Poland to be pushed back from Wednesday

to Friday, when Germany is also facing Britain. The Billie Jean King Cup Finals is taking place about two weeks after a powerful storm caused flash floods that killed more than 200 people in the Valencia region, east of Malaga. The International Tennis Federation announced a donation to the Spanish Red Cross to support relief and recovery efforts in the region, and Spanish player Paula Badosa said she will donate half of her prize money to help the victims. Both the Billie Jean King Cup Finals and the Davis Cup Finals are taking place in the southern Spanish city, with the men’s competition beginning next week, also at the Palacio de Deportes. It is the first time that the women’s team tournament is taking place at the same venue as the Davis Cup and with overlapping dates. And for the second year in a row, it will offer equivalent prize money to the men’s competition.



Antonio Calanni | Associated Press  
Italy’s Jannik Sinner returns the ball to United States’ Taylor Fritz during their singles tennis match of the ATP World Tour Finals on Tuesday at the Inalpi Arena, in Turin, Italy.

# Sinner doping case could have been communicated better ATP chair says

BY ANDREW DAMPF  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TURIN, Italy — There “could have been better communication” in explaining the rules involved in Jannik Sinner’s doping case, ATP Tour chairman Andrea Gaudenzi acknowledged Thursday. However, Gaudenzi said at the ATP Finals that anyone hinting that a “double standard” was applied because of top-ranked Sinner’s status is “unfair because the rules have been the same.” Sinner is playing at home this week for the first time since it was announced before his U.S. Open title that he tested positive for an anabolic steroid in two separate drug tests in March. The case wasn’t made public until August. “I learned the day before we all learned,” Gaudenzi said in his first public comments on the case. He spoke in a round-table discussion with international reporters. “And to be honest, I’m

happy about that. I really thank the ITIA (International Tennis Integrity Agency) and our representatives there for intentionally keeping me and our entire team in the dark because that’s how it should be. “It should be completely independent and that was agreed by the (parties). It was a shock, but obviously comforted by the evidence afterward.” A decision by an independent tribunal to clear Sinner of wrongdoing was appealed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in September and the Switzerland-based Court of Arbitration for Sport is expected to make a final ruling on the case early next year. Sinner’s explanation was that the banned performance-enhancer entered his system unintentionally through a massage from his physiotherapist, who used a spray containing the steroid to treat his own cut finger. WADA is seeking a ban of one to two years for Sinner.

“We are completely external and it’s (an) independent process,” Gaudenzi said. “I generally think has been a fair process. It was really done by the book and by the rules. Maybe there could have been better communication in explaining those rules, and that is something that I would urge every party involved to work better in the next time.” ATP Finals future will be revealed. Gaudenzi said he plans to announce on Sunday the future host of the ATP Finals. The contract with Turin expires next year and there is an option to move the event to nearby Milan at a bigger arena being built for the 2026 Milan-Cortina Olympics. “We are all super happy with what’s happened here in Turin and of course we’ve been a bit lucky with the players in Italy,” Gaudenzi said. “It’s not only Jannik but also Matteo Berrettini played the first edition. Nobody could foresee that.

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# Doing the unthinkable

Perfect season has turned IU into toast of college football

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
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Ed Miller has attended Indiana football and basketball games since the early 1970s, and he's never seen a fall quite like this.

As the leaves change colors and flutter to the ground, and the action ramps up for one of college basketball's true blueblood programs, everyone around Bloomington is focused on what's happening inside the football stadium.

Here, the 70-year-old Miller has been part of three straight home sellouts, seen the spinning towels and decibel levels attain new heights while the favored candy-striped basketball pants have been replaced by the increasingly fashionable candy-striped overalls. Yes, even the start of basketball season cannot tarnish this season's most unthinkable story in college football — the rise of the Hoosiers. “It's hard this time of year usually to keep going to football games, but that has totally flipped,” Miller said. “And now, honestly, I'm a little disappointed in basketball. I'm more excited about football than basketball, and I didn't think I'd ever say that.”

For decades, Indiana football was mired in mediocrity or worse — irrelevance.

Indiana has the most losses (713) and the 10th-lowest winning percentage (.422) in FBS history. The Hoosiers three bowl wins are the fewest of any Power 4 team and the 33-year run between postseason victories still is the second-longest active drought among teams with multiple bowl bids.

How bad had things gotten? When ESPN broadcaster Joe Buck identified an Indiana alum during a Monday Night Football telecast a couple years back, Buck's broadcast partner, Troy Aikman, jokingly asked if the Hoosiers still played football.

Curt Cignetti took the Indiana job to change that image and while fans liked his passion, they were skeptical of his bold, brash promise of immediate success.

“Hey, look I'm super fired up about this opportunity,” he shouted at a December basketball game. “I've never taken a backseat to anybody and don't plan on starting now. Purdue sucks. But so does Michigan and Ohio State.”

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## Smith flirts with double-double leading No. 13 Purdue past Yale

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST LAFAYETTE — Braden Smith finished with 22 points, nine rebounds and six assists Monday night and Trey Kaufman-Renn added 17 points to lead No. 13 Purdue past Yale 92-84.

The Boilermakers (3-0) extended their home winning streak to 21, tying the third-longest in Mackey Arena history. They've also won 24 consecutive November games and still have not lost a regular-season non-conference game since December 2020.

John Poulakidas scored 23 points and made five 3-pointers to lead Yale (1-2). Samson Aletan had a career high 14 points and seven rebounds for the defending Ivy League champs.

Purdue played without 7-foot-4 freshman Daniel Jacobsen, who fractured his right tibia in his second career start Friday. He is scheduled to have surgery Wednesday and could miss the rest of this season.

The Boilermakers student section also was on its best behavior Monday after university officials threatened to remove anyone who repeated Friday's chant

about firing football coach Ryan Walters.

### TAKEAWAYS

**Yale:** The Bulldogs managed to withstand Purdue's size and speed, but the perimeter struggles were costly. Eventually, Yale ran out of gas. But this is a team that could win another conference crown.

**Purdue:** Coach Matt Painter's squad continues to dominate the season's first month, even against potential NCAA Tournament teams. The Boilermakers must play much cleaner basketball when they face tougher foes, a challenge that begins in this weekend.

**Key moment:** Camden Heide made two 3s, forced a turnover and saw his effort to snag an offensive rebound lead to a missed layup for Yale. Smith used that miss to set up a dunk by Myles Colvin that gave Purdue a 72-60 lead with 7:30 to go.

**Key stat:** Yale actually won the scoring battle in the paint 50-24 but went 8 for 26 on 3s while the Boilermakers were 11 for 23.

**Up next:** Purdue hosts No. 2 Alabama on Friday night (TV: Streamed live on Peacock at 7 p.m.).

## Magic beat Pacers 94-90 to stand 6-0 at home

ORLANDO, Fla. — Franz Wagner scored 29 points, Jalen Suggs hit two free throws with 9.8 seconds left and the Orlando Magic beat the Indiana Pacers 94-90 on Wednesday night to remain unbeaten at home.

Orlando is 6-0 at home this season and has won 13 in a row overall at home.

Pascal Siakam led Indiana with 29 points. Bennedict Mathurin added 23 points — scoring 12 straight Pacers points late in the fourth quarter — and 12 rebounds. Tyrese Haliburton had with nine points and 12 assists.

Goga Bitadze added 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Magic. A

nthony Black came off the bench for six points, six assists, four steals and a block.

### TAKEAWAYS

Pacers: The Pacers survived a scoreless half by Haliburton to lead 45-41, but

the NBA's third-best 3-point shooting team could not survive 10-for-30 shooting from behind the arc.

Magic: The Magic relied on defense (10 blocks, eight steals, 38% Indiana shooting).

### KEY MOMENT

The Pacers had a four-point lead and momentum in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter when Black blocked a layup by Johnny Furphy, igniting a 13-1 Orlando run. Indiana did not score in the fourth quarter until Siakam hit a 3-pointer at 7:26.

### KEY STATS

Bitadze, Jonathan Isaac (11) and rookie Tristan daSilva (9) led Orlando to a 50-41 rebounding advantage.

### UP NEXT

The Pacers return home to face Miami on Friday night.

		Jefferson Switzerland Trimble/ Carroll	FRIDAY EVENING												
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4	WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	S.W.A.T. (N)	Fire (N)			Blue Bloods (N)	CBS4..		
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32	WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	S.W.A.T. (N)	Fire (N)			Blue Bloods (N)	News		
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A&E	28	36		The First 48		The First 48		First 48 (N)		Cold Case (N)		Killer (N) (SP)		First48	
AMC	29	26		(5:45) ♣♣ Wrath of the Titans ('12)				♣♣♣♣ Batman Begins ('05)		Christian Bale.				Movie	
COM	45	59		Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Family..	Family..	Family..	
DISC	31	38		Gold Rush "Greed is Good" (N)					Gold Rush (N)		(:(10) Last W. (P)		(:(10) Gold		Gold
DISN	25	29		(:(15) ♣ Descendants: Rise of Red					Place	Place	ZOM..	ZOM..	Primos	Primos	Place
ESPN	32	44		SportsCenter		NBA	Courts..	(:(45) Basketball				(:(05) NBA Basketball			
FREE	18	40		Movie (:(25) ♣ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York				♣♣♣ Dr. Seuss' The Grinch ('18)				700Club			
FX	40	28		(5:30) ♣♣♣ Free Guy ('21)			♣♣♣ Ghostbusters: Afterlife ('21)			♣ Ghostbusters...					
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MAX	270	73		♣♣♣ The A-Team ('10)				♣♣♣ Homefront ('13)		(:(40) ♣ The Outlaws ('19)			Movie		
NEWSNTN	20	20		The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo	
PARMT	35	41		♣♣♣♣ Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81)				♣♣♣♣ Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade ('89)							
PARSHO	221	16		Movie (:(50) ♣♣♣♣ Good Will Hunting ('97)				♣♣♣♣ Saving Private Ryan ('98)							
TMC	233	74		(:(15) ♣♣ Snake Eyes ('98)				♣♣♣ The Running Man		(:(45) ♣♣♣ Carrie ('76)					
TNT	27	43		(5:00) Basketball		♣♣♣♣ Coach Carter ('05) Samuel L. Jackson.						Rampage (N)		Movie	
USA	26	33		(5:00) ♣♣♣ Man of Steel ('13)				Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				Scare		Hysteria! (N)	

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4	WTTV	4		(3:30) Football		Postga..	Sheldon	NCIS: Origins	48 Hours		48 Hours (N)			CBS4..	
5	WLWT	2		(3:30) Football		Big Ten	College Football Oregon at Wisconsin (N) (Live)							News	
6	WISH	12		(3:00) Fo..	FamFe..	FamFe..	World's ♣	A Waltons Thanksgiving ('22)		News (N)				News	
9	WCPO	23		(3:30) Fo..	Studio	Studio	College Football Tennessee at Georgia (N) (Live)							News	
11	WHAS	11	4	(3:30) Fo..	Studio	Studio	College Football Tennessee at Georgia (N) (Live)							News	
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19	WXIX	10		(4:00) College Football			Extra	College Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)							
32	WLKY	5	5	(3:30) Football		Postga..	Jeopar..	NCIS: Origins	48 Hours		48 Hours (N)			News	
34	WBKI	7	7	(3:00) Fo..	TwoM..	The Rookie		♣ A Waltons Thanksgiving ('22)			FamFe..	FamFe..		House..	
41	WDRB	8	9	(4:00) College Football			Extra	College Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)							
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DISN		25	29	Big City ♣ Big City		Greens the M...		Big City ZOM..		ZOM..	Kiff	Kiff	Kiff	Big City	
ESPN		32	44	(3:30) Fo..	Scoreb..	Football Arizona State at Kansas State (N) (Live)					Scoreb.. (:15) Football				
FREE		18	40	(5:15) ♣ Dr. Seus...		(:15) ♣♣♣♣ The Santa Clause ('94)				(:25) ♣♣♣ The Santa Clause 2 ('02)					
FX		40	28	(5:00) ♣ Spider-Man: No Way Home				UFC Prelims (N) (Live)				♣ Thor: Love & Thunder			
HBO		201	17	(5:50) ♣♣♣♣ Her ('13)				The (N) (:35) ♣♣♣♣ Dune: Part Two ('24)				Penguin			
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PARSHO		221	16	(:15) ♣♣♣ Last Man Standing ('96)				♣♣♣♣ Looper ('12) Bruce Willis.				♣ Wolf of Wall Street			
TMC		233	74	♣♣♣♣ The Crying Game ('92)				♣♣♣♣ Foxcatcher ('14)				(:15) ♣ We Own the Night			
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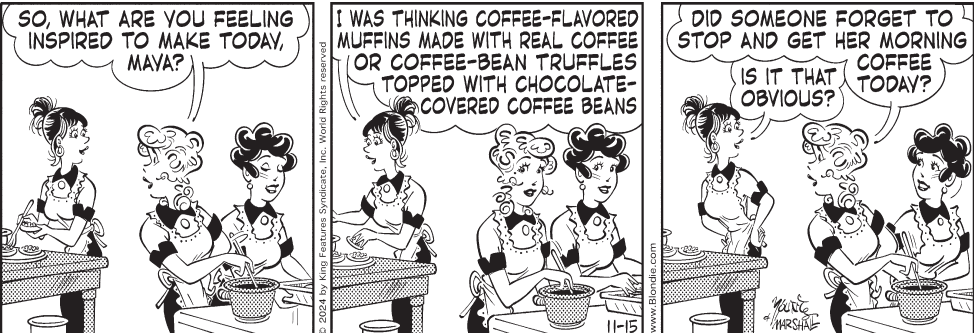
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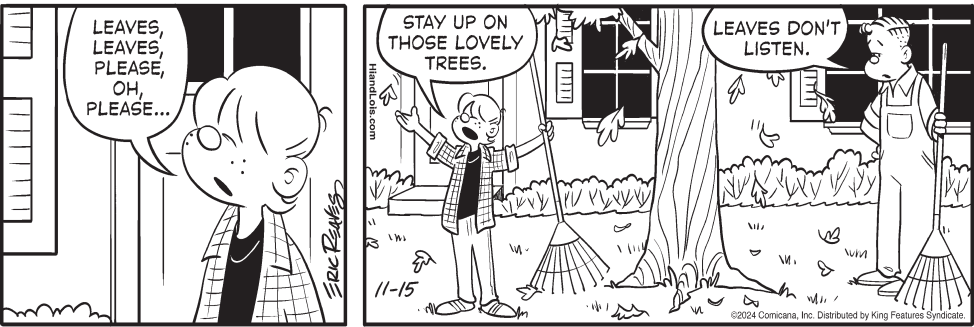
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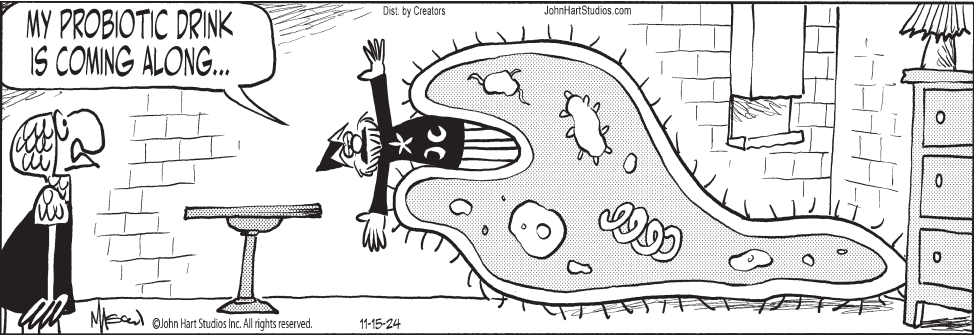
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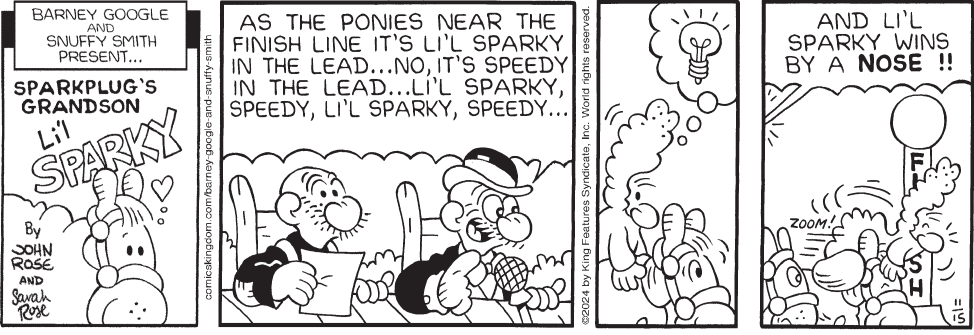
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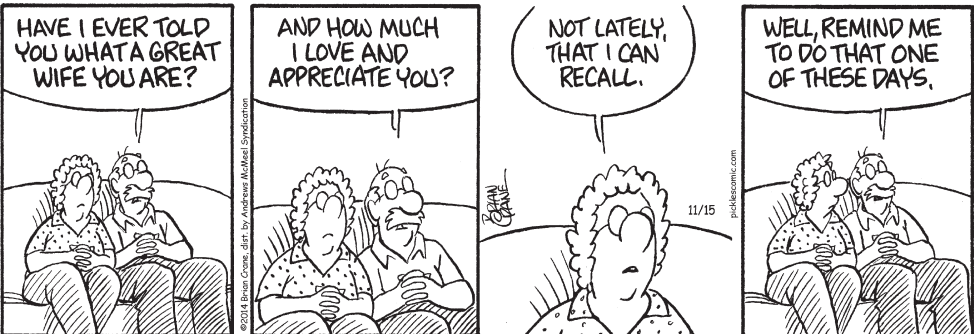
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PICKLES



THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

**ACROSS**

1 Dance in a concert pit  
5 Actress Blair  
10 Sunscreen letters: Abbr.  
13 Sneezing sound  
15 Beg  
16 The P in MPH  
17 Piglet  
18 Amherst school, for short  
19 “\_\_ y plata” (Montana motto)  
20 Ricola products: 2 wds.  
22 Medication  
23 Knotted  
24 “You’re a \_\_ for sore eyes!”  
26 Remove chalk from  
29 Sailboat or ship  
32 Needs to repay  
35 NYC baseballer  
37 Murnur lovingly  
38 Hairstyles, for short  
39 Journalist \_\_ B. Wells  
40 Director Lee  
41 Part of a URL  
42 Saying nothing  
45 Approximately: 2 wds.  
46 Tiny burger  
48 Condescend  
50 Makes fun of  
52 Actor’s signals  
54 “RuPaul’s \_\_ Race”  
56 “Cinderella” villain  
61 Mob informant  
62 Reef material  
63 Depart  
64 Snacked on  
65 Cause to smile  
66 Artist Edgar  
67 Anderson or Craven  
68 Doled (out)  
69 Fender blemish

**DOWN**

1 Not feminine: Abbr.  
2 Eight, in Spanish  
3 Holler  
4 Philly sandwiches  
5 Cowboy boot attachment  
6 Red Muppet  
7 High jumps  
8 Enormous  
9 TV spots  
10 Mustang or Corvette: 2 wds.  
11 Lima’s country  
12 Croaking critter  
14 This, that, and the  
21 6/6/44  
22 Batters in place of pitchers: Abbr.  
25 “Golly!”  
27 Travel by boat  
28 Finished  
30 Very long times  
31 Corporate symbol  
32 \_\_ and ends  
33 Sweater material  
34 Rough calculations  
36 “Citizen \_\_”  
42 “Just a \_\_”

Created by Stella Zawistowski 11/15/24

**Today's Puzzle Solved**

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43 Annoying  
44 Idiosyncrasies  
45 Top-ranked competitor: 2 wds.  
47 Corgi or collie  
49 Trade group  
51 Sashay  
53 Musical venue

54 Attract  
55 The R in APR  
57 Relaxed feeling  
58 Beseeched  
59 Longoria of baseball  
60 Take a nap  
62 Former QB Newton

Son’s slang leaves parents puzzled

Dear Eric: My son has recently started using some slang terms that have me scratching my head — namely “gyat,” “skibidi” and “sigma.”

As a parent, I want to stay connected and understand the language of his world, but I feel a bit lost in translation. It seems like these words pop up in every conversation, and I can’t help but feel like I’m missing out on an inside joke.

I want to be the cool parent (or at least not the completely clueless one), so I’d love your insight into what these terms mean and how they’re used. Any guidance you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Understanding these phrases could not only help me connect with my son but also save me from some potentially awkward conversations in the future.

— Curious Parent

Dear Parent: I have thought myself pretty well-versed on contemporary slang, but my eyes started crossing when I read the words in your letter. Guess that ship has sailed for me. Don’t it always seem to go that you don’t know what you got until it’s gone? (How’s that for a “contemporary” reference?)

According to my googling, gyat is an exclamation of surprise, usually regarding

someone’s body — not offensive per se, but objectifying. Sigma in slang stands for a lone wolf. And skibidi, which originated in a series of TikTok videos, now joins a long line of neologisms that can mean good, bad or dumb depending on the context.



R. ERIC THOMAS  
ASKING ERIC

That said, when it comes to vernacular, googling is never going to be your best option, because this is in-community communication. It’s important for teens to have their own way of communicating as they explore the world and develop taste. Perhaps you used slang that puzzled your parents, too.

You can always ask your kid to explain, but the most important thing is clear communication between parent and child, not the parent being in on the joke.

When I do middle and high school visits for my young adult novel “Kings of B’more,” I tell myself “you get one slang word usage to prove you’re ‘with it,’ and then you have to go back to talking the way you talk.” Being thought of as cool is a little bit of a fool’s errand for parents and other adults when coolness, like language itself, is a moving target.

That’s OK. You don’t have to be skibidi to be trustworthy or interesting or curious about your kid’s life in a way that respects his sometimes-perplexing autonomy.

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ASTROLOGY

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Building social connections and being visible in the right circles may be key to your success. Consider treating someone to lunch or making something special for loved ones. Money could be best spent spreading joy and happiness.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Making a new friend may be fun and exciting. It might take effort to turn a brief connection into a lifelong bond. You could weigh all the pros and cons about a possible change, but the final decision may not actually be in your hands.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Your ideas are valuable, and your creativity may feel enhanced. Share them confidently, and if you face criticism, consider taking the time to refine and improve. Challenge yourself to overcome sensitivity to insignificant opinions.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — You may reach your dreams without taking extreme measures. You might develop an interest in something unique. Guarantees might not be certain, so think long and hard before risking your future based on someone else’s thoughts.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You might enjoy your five minutes of fame without lifting a finger. Your ability to show appreciation may enhance your influence on others. A highly beneficial, living changing opportunity could arise at just the right moment.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Demonstrating respectful listening while taking an interest in other people’s lives can lead to delightful discoveries. Consider channeling your resources into something you

can create and improve side by side with your companions.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Imagination and intelligence may be at your command. Focus on uncovering the truth of things that may have diminished your understanding. Lean into freely expressing your inner thoughts and discuss sensitive matters with ease.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Think twice before accepting a dare when things are up in the air. Your priorities could change, or someone’s motivation may be uncertain. A love of excitement or a desire to try something new could put you in an awkward position.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Sometimes the extra sympathy someone needs isn’t yours. It’s nice to be helpful but don’t make a problem worse by insisting you can do things you can’t. Use intelligence and logic to close the gap and resolve the issue.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Being on your best behavior could bring in your desired opportunities. Your charm may help you make the most of your professional connections. Consider using your extra time to connect with others and share your ideas.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — When you speak authentically, the world listens. You might have hesitated to address a sensitive topic, but the most appropriate words to gain someone’s support or affection may come to you just when you need them the most.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Do your best to be a good sport. Jumping to conclusions or overreacting to implied criticisms could lead to many misunderstandings. Consider focusing your extra time on creative activities that support your goals and passions.

# Reds honor Rose with 14-hour visitation at GABC

BY JEFF WALLNER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Thousands of fans streamed into Great American Ball Park despite steady rain on Sunday to pay respects to Pete Rose, baseball's career hits leader, who died Sept. 30 at the age of 83.

The 14-hour visitation, in honor of Rose's jersey number, was arranged by the Cincinnati Reds with cooperation from Rose's daughters, Fawn and Kara, who exchanged hugs, stories and even some tears with fans. "We wanted to do something like this," said Rick Walls, executive director of the Reds Hall of Fame. "You could see from the turnout, it means a lot to the people here. It's a moving experience."

Rose, known as Charlie Hustle for his unbridled passion for the game, was the engine behind Cincinnati's Big Red Machine clubs that won back-to-back World Series titles in 1975 and '76.

A 17-time All-Star, the switch-hitting Rose played



AP Photo/Kareem Elgazzar

Baseball fans line up to pay their respects to Cincinnati Reds legend Pete Rose during a public visitation Sunday at Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati.

on three World Series winners. He was the National League MVP in 1973 and World Series MVP two years later. He holds the major league record for games played (3,562) and plate appearances (15,890). But no milestone

approached his 4,256 hits, breaking his hero Ty Cobb's 4,191.

Rose agreed to a permanent ban from Major League Baseball in 1989 following an investigation by MLB that determined he bet on Reds games from

1985-87 while playing for and managing the team. Two years later, the Hall of Fame barred players on the permanent ineligible list from the Hall ballot.

Despite his indiscretions away from the diamond, fans arrived as early as

4 a.m. Sunday to honor Rose, slowly passing by an urn containing his ashes and a table displaying his bright red Reds Hall of Fame induction suit jacket and other memorabilia while a highlight video of his illustrious career played on the concourse video boards.

Fans left flowers and other mementos at the Rose statue located just outside the main entrance to the ballpark.

"He was a guy you thought was going to live forever," longtime Reds fan Bob Augspurger said. "When I heard the news, obviously it was sad. Baseball lost its greatest ambassador."

Fawn Rose said in a statement, "We are deeply moved by the overwhelming love and support from the people of Cincinnati, the entire baseball community, and fans across the world as we mourn the loss of our beloved Dad, Grandpa, and Brother, Pete Rose."

The Reds plan to honor

Rose on "Pete Rose Day" when they play the Chicago White Sox on May 14 with first pitch planned for 7:14 p.m., also in homage to his No. 14.

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# Cincinnati Reds looking for new TV partner

BY JOE REEDY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Cincinnati Reds and Diamond Sports Group have decided to end their joint venture, allowing the Reds to search for a new home to carry their local games on TV.

The Reds were joint owners in what is now FanDuel Sports Network Ohio. FanDuel took over naming rights for Diamond's 16 regional sports networks last month after Diamond had an agreement with Bally Sports since March 2021.

According to a filing of the settlement, Cincinnati had a 20% stake in the network. Diamond will buy back the Reds' stake for \$1. It is likely that Major League Baseball will produce and distribute Reds games next season. MLB is already handling at least six teams in 2025; San Diego, Arizona, Colorado,

Cleveland, Milwaukee and Minnesota.

The Texas Rangers are still assessing their broadcast options for next season after announcing last month it would not renew with Diamond.

The Reds' filing came after MLB and the Atlanta Braves filed an objection to Diamond Sports Group's reorganization plan.

Diamond Sports has been in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings in the Southern District of Texas since it filed for protection in March 2023. The company said in a financial filing last year that it had debt of \$8.67 billion.

A final hearing on Diamond's reorganization plan is scheduled for Thursday.

MLB has stated throughout the bankruptcy process that Diamond has not produced a sus-

tainable business plan nor has it produced enough of its financial records.

"Based on the current inadequate record, the Braves and MLB have grave concerns that, if the Plan is confirmed, there is a substantial likelihood that the Debtors will find themselves once again in financial distress and/or bankruptcy court in the near future," attorneys for the Braves and MLB said in the filing.

The Braves are the only team that did not have its contract amended or renegotiated.

Diamond announced it has agreed to a new contract with the St. Louis Cardinals and appear to be on the verge of reaching a new deal with the Miami Marlins. Both teams are partial owners of their regional sports networks.

Diamond is continuing to talk with the Los Ange-

les Angels and Kansas City Royals, the other two teams it is involved with in joint ventures.

Diamond Sports Group and Sinclair Broadcast Group bought the regional sports networks from

The Walt Disney Co. for nearly \$10 billion in 2019. Disney was required by the Department of Justice to sell the networks for its acquisition of 21st Century Fox's film and television assets to be approved.

## PERFECT

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Nobody's questioning Cignetti now.

Nick Saban's first recruiting coordinator at Alabama is a frontrunner to be this year's national coach of the year, especially after Saturday's 20-15 victory over the defending national champion Wolverines.

Indiana earned just its second series win since 1988 while sealing the first 10-win season in school history, perhaps fittingly, against college football's winningest program.

No. 5 Indiana (10-0, 7-0 Big Ten, No. 5 CFP) now has one more win than its combined total over the previous three seasons and finds itself ditching the half-full stadiums that had become the norm in Octobers and Novembers of seasons past.

"We were excited to get a new coach. We knew there was going to be a lot of turnover with the football guys, but we never could have imagined 10-0," said 47-year-old Jennifer Worman, who lives in an Indianapolis suburb. "It is unreal for IU football."

There have been no shortage of milestone moments in 2024.

- Indiana's 77-3 victory over Western Illinois in Week 2 was the most lopsided in school history and its 56-7 win over Nebraska six weeks later matched the school record for margin of victory in league play.
- The Hoosiers 42-13 victory over UCLA was

their first ever at the Rose Bowl.

- Indiana became the first bowl eligible in the team with a 41-24 victory at Northwestern.
- They've scored at least 40 points, seven times, won nine times by 14 or more points and have trailed only twice briefly all season.

- And if the Hoosiers win at No. 2 Ohio State, something they haven't done since 1987, a win over rival Purdue (1-8, 0-6) could send them to their first Big Ten title game.

It's a season on the brink only this locker room thought possible.

"We have playmakers all across the board," sixth-year quarterback Kurtis Rourke said earlier this season. "It makes my job a lot easier. The O-line is playing great so we can run and pass. We're just clicking right now."

Naturally, all these wins have put players such as Rourke, the 2022 Mid-American Conference MVP, in the post-season award debate. Some think Rourke even belongs in the Heisman Trophy race.

He's hardly alone.

Defensive end Mikail Kamara, a transfer from James Madison, leads the conference in sacks (9 1/2) and earned two national defensive player of the week awards following a 2 1/2-sack, 4 1/2-tackle for loss performance as Indiana reclaimed the Old Brass Spittoon at Michigan State.

Elijah Sarratt also played previously for Cignetti at James Madi-

son and now ranks fifth in the Big Ten in catches (38), yards (685) and yards per catch (18.0). He's tied for sixth with six TD receptions.

And while some contend a soft schedule has helped the Hoosiers, it didn't in other years.

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"I'm checking some boxes off, football-wise, that I never thought I'd be able to see," said 58-year-old Randy Pruitt of Columbus, Indiana, who has seen the Hoosiers exceed his wildest expectations. "Make a bowl, that's probably what we thought. No way would we be mentioned in the top 12 teams and the playoffs. Maybe we still get overlooked, I don't know. But this wasn't on the radar."

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JTL Project No. 23063**

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**This Advertisement is issued by:**  
Owner: **City of Madison Redevelopment Commission**  
By: **Bob Courtney**  
Title: **Mayor**  
Date: **November 8, 2024 and November 15, 2024** hspaxlp

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CAUSE NO. 72C01-2410-EU-000031  
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED  
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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that on October 30, 2024, Tyler Andrew Schilawski was appointed personal representative of the estate of Mark Schilawski, deceased, who died on August 15, 2024.  
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Dated at Scottsburg, Indiana, this 30th day of October 2024.  
*/s/ Michelle Shelton*  
Clerk, Scott Circuit Court

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# LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA  
SS:  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
ESTATE DOCKET **39C01-24**  
**10-EU-000065**

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED  
ESTATE OF  
LINDA S. WHITE, DECEASED.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA  
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Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 31st day of October, 2024.  
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Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN

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**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that on November 8, 2024, Daniel Schurick was appointed personal representative of the estate of Emily Caroline Schurick, deceased, who died on June 21, 2024.  
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*/s/ Tabatha Eblen*  
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court

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# LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
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**10-EU-000068**

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Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 31st day of October, 2024.  
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# LEGAL NOTICE

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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
ESTATE DOCKET **39C01-24**  
**10-EU-000069**

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# Clark draws big crowd for LPGA pro-am in Florida

BELLEAIR, Fla. — Caitlin Clark brought her golf game and a big buzz to the LPGA Tour on Wednesday when the basketball star played in a pro-am that attracted a bigger crowd than the tour often gets for its tournament rounds.

Clark played nine holes with Nelly Korda, the No. 1 player in women’s golf who is competing for the first time in nearly two months after a minor neck injury. She played the back nine at Pelican Golf Club with Annika Sorenstam, host of a tournament called The Annika.

During a brief interview with Golf Channel, the WNBA rookie of the year was asked if she picked up any tips from Korda.

“I’ve watched and she’s amazing,” Clark said. “But golf is hard.”

The gallery packed behind the ropes to watch Clark, and she signed autographs for hundreds of fans when the pro-am was over.

Clark has an endorsement deal with Indiana-based Gainbridge, the presenting sponsor of the LPGA’s penultimate tournament on the schedule. She also took part in a

women’s leadership summit hosted by Gainbridge.

“It can only help grow women’s golf,” Brittany Lincicome said Tuesday, bringing a basketball for Clark to sign for her daughters.

Korda comes from a top sporting family. Her older sister, Jessica, played in the Solheim Cup and younger brother Sebastian is No. 23 in the men’s tennis ranking. Their father, Petr Korda, won the 1998 Australian Open in tennis.

She said she has messaged with Clark on Instagram, but nothing topped

spending time inside the ropes.

“To see the influence that she has on people, bringing people out here, and to see how amazing of an influence she is just for sports, was really cool to see firsthand today,” Korda said.

Clark said she likes getting away to play golf — she played in the John Deere Classic pro-am last summer on the PGA Tour — and she contributed one putt from about 3-point range.

“It was great to see how relaxed she was,” Korda

said. “Obviously with the media attention she has gotten probably in the past year-and-a-half, two years, you can see how she’s comfortable playing in front of a larger crowd. And she was just really enjoying it. You can tell.”

“She’s definitely very talented. She was picking the ball really clean. She was losing a couple shots to the right, but I asked her how many times a week she plays and I think with the amount of obligations she has she probably gets to the golf course once a week.”

Korda last played at

the Kroger Queen City Championship on Sept. 22, a week after she led the Americans to a Solheim Cup victory. She spoke of having migraines and thinks her neck injury that kept her from the Asian swing might have been related.

Korda already has clinched LPGA player of the year for the first time. She leads the Race to CME Globe but still needs to win the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship next week, which awards \$4 million to the winner.

# The state that opened sports gambling may ban college athlete ‘prop’ bets

**BY WAYNE PARRY**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRENTON, N.J. — After an unexpected loss in which he threw four interceptions in September, Auburn quarterback Payton Thorne heard from bettors angry that his subpar statistics lost bets for them. Some contacted him over the Venmo cash transfer app, asking him to refund their losses.

In March, North Carolina basketball player

Armando Bacot said he got over 100 direct messages on social media from angry gamblers when he did not make enough rebounds for their bets to win.

Now the state whose U.S. Supreme Court victory led to an explosion of legal sports betting across America is considering banning such bets involving the statistical performance of college athletes.

New Jersey argues that

student athletes are more accessible and thus more vulnerable to pressure and harassment than professional players, given that they eat in the same dining halls, live in the same dorms and attend classes with many other students.

“Not all of what has come from the legalization of sports betting has been positive,” said state Sen. Kristin Corrado.

A bill before the state Legislature would ban

so-called proposition bets, commonly known as “props,” on what a particular athlete does or doesn’t do in a game. That can include how many touchdowns a quarterback throws, how many yards a running back accumulates, or how many rebounds a basketball player collects.

Austin Mayo, assistant director of government relations for the NCAA, said 1 in 3 players in sports that are heavily bet on

have reported receiving harassment from gamblers.

The association wants such bets prohibited nationwide. If it passes the bill, New Jersey would join 13 other states that ban college prop bets, according to the American Gaming Association: Ohio, Maryland, Vermont, Louisiana, Arizona, Colorado, Massachusetts, Oregon, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

But Bill Pascrell III, a lobbyist for numerous gambling and sports-betting companies, said there has not been a demonstrable level of serious harm from college prop bets, which he said constitute 2% to 4% of the legal sports betting industry.


“When we ban any type of bet, particularly those that had been legalized, we’re pushing the bettor to the black market,” he said.

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